

# Tuloso-Midway I.S.D. Parent and Family Involvement Policy

**2023-2024**

**TMISD MISSION STATEMENT:** *The Tuloso-Midway Independent School District educates every student to be lifelong learners, a person of integrity and a positive contributor to society.*

Tuloso-Midway ISD believes that family involvement is essential to a student's academic success. We believe that parent and family involvement is the involvement of parents and schools in meaningful, two-way communication regarding their students' academic learning and other school activities. Meaningful two-way communication ensures that:

- Parents are encouraged to actively participate in their children's education.
  - Parents have the opportunity to serve on committees and assist in school or district educational decisions.

We recognize that parents/families have the primary role in supporting their children's education and that good communication is essential for academic success.

Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Every Student Success Act (ESSA) provides financial assistance to schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet the state's demanding academic standards.

Tuloso-Midway ISD has two campuses that receive Title I funding: Tuloso-Midway Elementary School and Tuloso-Midway Middle School.

Title I-funded schools must provide a written parent involvement policy that outlines how parents can participate in their child's education and what they can expect from the district and schools. In partnership with parents of Title I schools, the following are three areas of assurance that the district and Title I schools will support family involvement:

## **PART I – GENERAL EXPECTATIONS**

*Tuloso-Midway ISD is committed to implementing the following legal requirements:*

- The school district shall implement parent engagement programs, activities, and procedures at all of its schools with Title 1, Part A programs pursuant to section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those

Programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with the families of participating children.

Pursuant to section 1118, the school district shall work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level family engagement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each includes, as a component, a covenant between the school and parents pursuant to section 1118(d) of the ESEA.

- The school district shall incorporate the district-wide parent involvement policy into its LEA (District Improvement Plan) plan developed under section 1112 of ESEA.
- In carrying out the parent involvement requirements of Title 1, Part A, to the extent possible, the school district and its schools shall provide full opportunities for the involvement of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migrant children, including the provision of school information and reports required under section 111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent possible, in a language that parents understand.

If the LEA plan for Title 1, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of the participating children, the school district will submit any parental comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the State. Department of Education.

- The school district will involve parents of children served in Title 1, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title 1, Part A funds set aside for parent involvement is spent, and ensure that no less than 95% of that reserved percentage goes directly to schools.
- The school district shall abide by the following legal definition of parent involvement and expects its Title 1 schools to conduct programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

*Family involvement means parental involvement in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:* (A) That parents play an integral role in assisting their children's learning;

(B) That parents be encouraged to participate actively in the education of their children at school;

(C) That parents be full partners in the education of their children and be included, as appropriate, in decision-making and advisory committees to assist in the education of their children;

(D) The performance of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

## **PART II – DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE DISTRICT WILL IMPLEMENT THE REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF THE DISTRICT-WIDE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

***Tuloso-Midway ISD will take the following actions to engage and engage fathers in the joint development of its district-wide parent engagement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:***

- Tuloso-Midway ISD will establish a Title 1 Committee each school year. The committee will be comprised of parents, community members, administrators, teachers, and other staff members from all campuses that receive Degree funding and will attempt to represent a variety of student populations in the District.
- Each campus will ensure that the Campus Site Based Committee is comprised of staff and parents and will use this committee for all Title 1 discussions/decisions.
- The Title 1 Committee will meet annually to discuss the design, implementation, and improvement of the Parent Engagement Policy and activities.

***Tuloso-Midway ISD will take the following actions to involve parents in the school's review and improvement process under ESEA section 1116:***

- Review of District and Campus performance will be facilitated through meetings of the District and Campus Site-Based Committee (comprised of staff, parents, and community members) and the Tuloso-Midway ISD Title 1 Committee. These committees will complete comprehensive district and campus needs assessments and create and develop district and campus improvement plans.

***Tuloso-Midway ISD will provide the following coordination, technical assistance, and other support needed to help Title 1, Part A schools plan and implement effective parent engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school achievement:***

- The District will provide schools with assistance in understanding the requirements of Title I, Part A and in planning effective programs to help parents support their child's academic performance. District assistance may also include the distribution of informational booklets explaining state academic standards, assessments, and curriculum.

Tuloso-Midway ISD will promote and encourage staff development so that employees establish effective relationships with parents as a means of increasing academic performance.

***Tuloso-Midway ISD will coordinate and integrate parent engagement strategies in Part A with parent engagement strategies under the following other programs: PTA/PTO, Head Start, Early Start, public preschool, PPCD, etc., by:***

Tuloso-Midway ISD will facilitate coordination and promote various parent engagement programs, activities, and opportunities to encourage and support parents to actively participate in their children's education and academic success.

***Tuloso-Midway ISD will take the following actions to conduct, with parent involvement, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parent engagement policy to improve the quality of its Title 1, Part A schools. The assessment will include identifying barriers to greater parental involvement in parent engagement activities (with special attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or belong to any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the results of the evaluation of its parent engagement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parent engagement and to review, if necessary (and with parent involvement), its parent engagement policies.***

- Tuloso-Midway ISD will hold an annual Title 1 Committee meeting to review all aspects of the Parent Involvement Policy. All data collected on the effectiveness of the activities will be disseminated and discussed among the committee. The policy will be open for editing and review during this meeting.
- As needed, various dates, times and meeting places will be used to provide convenience to all participants.

***Tuloso-Midway ISD will build the capacity of schools and parents for strong parent involvement, in order to ensure effective parent involvement and support a partnership between the school involved, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities. described below:***

**To.** The school district, with the assistance of its Title 1, Part A schools, will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as:

- the state's academic content standards,
- the state's student academic achievement standards,
- state and local academic assessments, including alternative assessments,
- the requirements of Part A,
- how to monitor your child's progress, and
- how to work with educators,
- Annual Title I Parent Meeting: Tuloso-Midway ISD campuses will hold an annual meeting to review the topics listed above, Title I guidelines, and services offered through the district. Copies of the district's current Parent Involvement Policy and Tuloso-Midway ISD Home-School Agreement will be distributed at the meeting.

Home-School Agreement: In accordance with Title I regulations, each campus receiving Title 1A funding will develop and annually update a **home-school** compact. This compact will explain how students, parents, and staff will share responsibility for student performance and success, and enable them to do so. Schools must include parents in the development, review, and review of the compact. All parents will receive a copy of the covenant. Parents should be encouraged to sign that they

agree to the covenant and return them to school; However, parents and/or students are not required to return compacts to school.

- Parent-Teacher Conference: Teachers (Pre-K – grade 5) will meet with parents to discuss the status of each student's educational progress. Educational resources to support student success will be discussed.

**B.** The school district, with the help of its schools, will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic performance, such as literacy training and use of technology, as appropriate, to encourage parent involvement.

- Resources and support tools will be reviewed at TMISD's annual campus Title 1 parent meetings.
- Academic resources and student support tools will be discussed with parents at annual parent-teacher conferences.
- Tuloso-Midway ISD and campus handbooks will include parent engagement policies and opportunities.

**C.** The school district, with the help of its schools and parents, will educate its teachers, student services staff, principals, and other staff, on how to communicate with parents, communicate with them, and work with them as equal partners, on the value and usefulness of parent contributions, and on how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build parent-school bonds, by means of:

- Ongoing staff development on the topic of parent involvement will be provided at many opportunities during the school year: staff development days, staff meetings, etc.
- The District will promote and encourage staff development that educates participants on effective relationships with parents as a means of increasing academic achievement.

**D.** The school district, to the extent possible and appropriate, will coordinate and integrate parent engagement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, youth home instruction programs in preschool age, the Parents as Teachers Program, public preschool programs and other programs, and carry out other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents to participate more fully in their children's education by:

Tuloso-Midway ISD will facilitate coordination and promote various parent engagement programs, activities, and opportunities to encourage and support parents to actively participate in their children's education and academic success.

**And.** The school district will take the following steps to ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings,

and other activities is sent to parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent possible, in a language that parents can understand:

- Parents will be informed about school activities through various communication channels during the school year. Printed and virtual communication channels and in the necessary languages will be used to facilitate proper understanding. Newsletters, conferences, personal contacts, and written notices will help the District and schools establish and maintain an open line of communication.

This District-wide Parent Involvement Policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon with parents of children participating in Title 1, Part A programs.

This policy will be in effect during the **2023-2024** school year. This policy will be available in the district office, the campus administrator's office, and online on the TMISD website in [www.tmysd.us](http://www.tmysd.us).

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