



**Roma ISD Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2022-2023**

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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, all school districts receiving Title I, Part A funds must develop a written parental involvement policy as required by Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This policy establishes the expectations for parent and family engagement (PFE) and describes how the district will support the integral role of families in the education of their children to promote student academic achievement. Roma ISD agrees to implement the statutory requirements as stated in this document.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

STRATEGIES:

Roma ISD will involve parents and families to jointly develop the Title I program plan, including the PFE Policy, and in the process of improving and reviewing the plan and policy.

Roma ISD is dedicated to providing a quality education for every student in our district. In support of the district mission to “graduate every student college, career, and/or military ready”, Roma ISD will develop and nurture partnerships with parents/guardians, students, and community stakeholders. Furthermore, the district will involve parents/guardians in all aspects of the various local, state and federal programs offered in Roma ISD schools. Roma ISD will accomplish this by taking the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district/school PFE plan such as:

- schedule meetings at convenient times and locations to participate in a comprehensive review of policy, budget, and programs for parent involvement.
- establish campus level contacts to implement parent involvement activities and initiatives.
- offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening.
- facilitate communication between parents/guardians and Title I campuses in their native language as represented by district demographics.

Roma ISD will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

Roma ISD will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective PFE activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance such as:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● work with the schools to ensure that the required school-level PFE policies meet the Title I requirements, and include, as a component, a School-Parent Compact.
<p>Roma ISD will assist parents of participating children in understanding state academic standards, state and local academic assessments, how to monitor their child’s progress, and how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children</p>	<p>Roma ISD will provide resources and assistance to parents of children served by the school district/school, as appropriate, in understanding the state’s academic content standards, student academic achievement standards, and state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments. The requirements of Title I include knowing how to monitor the child’s progress and understand how to work with educators to support and improve the learning, development, and whole health of the students. The district and schools may use parent-teacher conferences, report cards and progress reports, Blackboard Notification System, Ascender Parent Portal as well as allow reasonable access to staff, opportunities to observe and/or volunteer in their child’s classroom to serve this purpose.</p>
<p>Roma ISD will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy and technology</p>	<p>The goal of the PFE program is to implement effective PFE activities to improve student achievement and school performance. Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. In supporting this goal, the district will, with the assistance of its Title I schools:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children’s academic achievement such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement. ● pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities. ● arrange school meetings at a variety of times. These meetings may include teachers, other educators, and parents of the participating children.
<p>Roma ISD will educate teachers, specialized instruction support personnel, principals, and other school leaders and staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents and families, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and school</p>	<p>With the assistance of its Title I schools and parents, the district will educate its teachers, administrators and other staff on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners in the value and utility of contributions of parents.</p> <p>The contributions of the parents will consist in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools with the goal of improving student achievement. The focus will be on the benefits of PFE.</p>
<p>Roma ISD will coordinate and integrate, to the extent feasible and appropriate, parental involvement programs and activities with other federal, state, and local programs, including public school programs, and conduct other activities such as parent resource centers</p>	<p>The district will involve community organizations in family engagement activities as feasible, as well as participate in programs that serve families and students.</p>
<p>Roma ISD will ensure information related to school and parent/family programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents/families in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand</p>	<p>The school/district will take the following actions to ensure that Title I information related to the school and parent-programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats</p>

	<p>upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● district communications set up in English and Spanish based upon the primary language identified for the home. ● translations for all Title I information will be provided in both English and Spanish.
<p>Roma ISD will provide reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request.</p>	<p>In carrying out the Title I PFE requirements, to the extent practicable, the school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a native language as represented by district demographics.</p>
<p>Roma ISD will conduct an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the PFE policy and use the findings from the evaluation to design more effective parental involvement strategies</p>	<p>Roma ISD, as well as each campus, will take action to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this PFE policy in improving the quality of Title I schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater</p>

	<p>participation by parents in parental involvement activities with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background. The evaluation will also seek to meaningfully involve parents, assess content and effectiveness of PFE policy as it relates to the academic quality of schools. Roma ISD will use the findings of the evaluation about its PFE policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and services, and to revise, if necessary its PFE policies. During the Campus Needs Assessment process, one focus group/committee specifically reviews family and community involvement in the district.</p>
<p>Roma ISD will involve parents in the activities of the schools</p>	<p>Roma ISD will put into operation programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I programs. Those programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.</p>
<p>Reservation of funds</p>	<p>Roma ISD will involve the parents and families of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the one percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for PFE is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools for implementation of the PFE program at each campus.</p>