



Brazos High School
Parent and Family Engagement Policy (PFE)
ESSA Section 1116
2022-2023

1. Brazos High School shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating students a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of ESSA Sections 1116 subsections (c) through (f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. Sections 1116 (b)(1) & (e)(5)

The Brazos High School PFE is typically reviewed and revised, if needed, in the spring. Parents will be notified of the timeframe for review and revision and invited to provide input into this process through a spring parent meeting and input survey. Upon any revisions, the updated policy will be distributed to parents via the school website and linked onto the social media Facebook page. The policy will also be distributed and explained in the Fall at the Title 1, Part A Annual Meeting.

2. Brazos High School shall convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating students shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved. Section 116 (c)(1)

The annual meeting will be held at Brazos High School located at 3005 Edna Ave. Waco, TX 76707 on Tuesday, October 18 @ 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. The Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator will conduct the meeting along with the Campus Principal and/or Assistant Principal. Parents will be notified of the meeting via social media post(s) and email invitation.

3. Brazos High School shall offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, childcare or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement. Section 1116 (c)(2)

A recording of the meeting will be made available on the school website and facebook and a Google form will be made available for parents to ask questions or provide feedback after the recording. If a parent/family needs assistance with transportation, childcare or would prefer a home visit to review the information provided in at the annual meeting they are asked to contact the school so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

4. Brazos Hlgh School shall involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely want, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under section 1114 (b) (Campus Improvement Plan), except that is a school as in place a process for involving



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parents in the joint planning and design of the school's programs, the school may use that process, if such process includes adequate representation of parents of participating children. Section 1116 (c)(3)

Parents will be notified of the timeframe for review and revision and invited to provide input into this process through a spring parent meeting and input survey. Upon any revisions, the updated policy will be distributed to parents via the school website and linked onto the social media Facebook page. The policy will also be distributed and explained in the Fall at the Title 1, Part A Annual Meeting. Feedback provided by parents from individual parent meetings held throughout the year and from parent meetings held during the fall and spring about school policies and programs is incorporated into developing all PFE Programs and the CIP. Parents are encouraged to volunteer for any campus activities. BHS will work on building a Parent Advisory Committee that includes parent/student representatives from all student populations.

5. Brazos High School shall provide parents of participating students –
 - a. Timely information about programs under this part;
 - b. A description and explanation of the curriculum used at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and
 - c. If requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their students, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible. Section 1116 (c)(4)

Curriculum and assessment information is provided to parents on both the campus and district websites and in the Campus Student Handbook. Parents are informed about the PFE program at the Parent/Student Orientation meeting held before school. Additionally, they are kept informed about regular PFE campus meetings and events by notifications on the social media page, campus website, and email invitations.

6. If the schoolwide program plan (CIP) under section 1114(b) is not satisfactory to the parents of the participating students, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency. Section 1116 (c)(5)

The CIP is explained to parents in the Parent Orientation meeting and also posted on the school website.

7. To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improved student academic achievement, Brazos High School shall: Section 1116 (e)
 - (i) provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State



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and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve achievement of their children. Section 1116 (e)(1)

[TEA Information](#) : TEA provided information on Graduation Plans, STAAR and District Snapshot information

[Waco ISD Secondary School Information](#): Graduation Plans, Secondary School Information Guide

[Waco ISD Assessment](#) : District Assessment page with information on STAAR Assessments, TELPAS, Individual Graduation Committees, Student Success Initiative, Resources for Students with Disabilities

[Waco ISD Family Resource Directory Page](#)

[Parent Portal Link](#): Can be used to check student progress and attendance

(ii) provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement. Section 1116 (e)(2)

[Waco ISD Literacy Related Resources](#)

[Waco ISD Student Guide to Technology Support](#)

(iii) educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, 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 the school. Section 116 (e)(3)

Teachers, support staff and all additional faculty and staff members are given professional development prior to the beginning of the school year on parental involvement and the expectations of parental communication (both for positive reinforcement and to set behavioral expectations and educational progress). All faculty and staff members receive this training and the expectation is additionally lined out in the Brazos High School Faculty/Staff Handbook. Teachers and Educational leaders also attend weekly PLC meetings where parental communication is discussed and reviewed. Parents are invited to the before school Orientation and Open House to meet the teachers and discuss ways in which collaboration can be fostered.



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(iv) to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement in programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. Section 1116 (e)(14)

Community In Schools Site Coordinator, Dropout Prevention Specialist, and Counselor all work directly with parents to connect with resources on a continual and as needed basis. Waco ISD Student Support Services and The Voice, Inc. have also partnered with the school to develop PFE programs such as the Knight's Korner Store and the End of Year Celebration. The Knights' Korner Store Program is designed as an incentive program for student attendance, but also is utilized by student families to meet any daily living needs. The End of Year Celebration was organized by Brazos High School and community partners at the request of student families to celebrate the academic achievements of students.

(v) provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. Section 1116 (e)(14)

Brazos High School also maintains a computer lab that allows students and parents access to technology resources during the summer registration period. Additionally, when requested by parents we can provide contact information for a number of community resources, including, but not limited to SNAP applications, Voter registration, Food Pantries, Mental Health outreach services, access to secondary education resources (MCC/TSTC) or military resources, and Homeless Liaison services.

Mission Statement:

Brazos High School provides an individualized, safe and supportive learning environment which empowers students with opportunities to achieve their academic and personal goals.

Vision Statement:

Brazos High School encourages students to become confident, knowledgeable, responsible, and productive citizens in a diverse and ever-changing world. Restoratively, we will encourage positive relationships among staff and students, in order to build and maintain a positive culture throughout our school.

Please direct any questions regarding the above stated Brazos High School Parent and Family Engagement Policy to:

Brazos High School, 3005 Edna Ave. Waco, TX 76707
254-754-9422
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