



E.K. Downing Elementary

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SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY 2024-2025

Parent and Family Engagement Program (PFE) What is it?

EKD is committed to our vision: Our vision at EKD is to help develop our leaders of tomorrow. Provide academic excellence and prepare our students for post-secondary education. We will accomplish this through the use of innovative ideas, technology, and a rigorous academic environment in which each student reaches their full potential as our journey starts today. One way we continue to do this is by participating in the State Title I, Part A Program. This program provides funding for low socioeconomic schools. In return, we promise to meet the expectations set for us by the Texas Education Agency and the US Department of Education. Funding Title I funds will be allocated for the implementation of the parent and family engagement program. These programs, activities and procedures will be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children. Review All use of funds and activities may be reviewed by the Texas Education Agency upon request to ensure they meet the needs of the PFE Program.

Family meetings

Parent conferences provide a time for the school and family to communicate necessary information. These meetings will always be held in the cafeteria. You can enter through the main entrance. The information is the same for both coordination meetings and will be offered both in person and virtually through Facebook Live. Meeting times are as follows:

- ☐ **The first Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. (9/5, 10/3, 11/9, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/8)**

How to take part

- ☐ **Become a member of the Pioneer Participation Committee (PEC) by completing the application**
- ☐ **Attend the previous meeting and the following family trainings/activities**
- ☐ **Talk to your child's teacher about helping/volunteering in the classroom through your school status number or email.**
- ☐ **If you do not know your child's teacher's school status number or email, please contact the principal at (432) 456-1319 or Angelina.hilton@ectorcountysd.org**

Trainings/Family Activities

Family trainings are opportunities for family members to come learn new knowledge and skills from other parents, community members, and educators. Hours and locations listed below are subject to change. Any changes made will be communicated through the calling system, emails and on our school website.

educate

connect

inspire

succeed

dream

Back to School Day Meet the Teacher

- o Date and time: August 9, 2024 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 pm
- o Location: EKD's Cafeteria Commons

Parent-Teacher Conferences (all grade levels; can be held in person or virtually)

- o Dates and Times: You will sign up for an appointment with our child's teacher sometime between September 1 and September 30.
- o Location: School meeting rooms (Enter through the main door)

1st Fall Meeting EKD School Goals and Expectations for Student Success

- o Dates and Times: September 5, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- o Location: EKD's Cafeteria Commons

2nd Fall Meeting EKD DATA Analysis Building Capacity for Involvement

- o Dates and Times: October 3, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- o Location: EKD's Cafeteria Commons

Fall Progress Report Notification and BC for Involvement #2 (Literacy Fest)

- o Dates and Times: November 9, 2024 from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
- o Location: EKD's Cafeteria Commons

National Parental Involvement Day

- o Dates and Times: November 21, 2024 from 9:00 AM -10:00 AM
- o Location: Library

January - May Trainings/events will be announced via calls, emails and on the website as soon as possible

Curriculum

E.K. Downing Elementary uses a high-quality curriculum that supports student success.
Forms of Academic Assessments

E.K. Downing Elementary has common formative assessments that all teachers give. No matter the teacher, each child is assessed through the same assessment provided by the TEKS Resource System that models each assessment after the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness or STAAR test. Previous STAAR tests are published and used for assessment and instruction in addition to other curricula.

Expected Achievement Levels on Academic Assessments

The State Performance Standards can be found on this website:

<https://tea.texas.gov/studentassessment/testing/staar/staarperformance-standards> E.K. Downing Elementary tracks each child's growth throughout the year through local assessments (mentioned above). Each child has a portfolio where teachers help them track their own growth in learning.

Ways to Request Regular Meetings

Parents are welcome to bring any suggestions, ideas, or concerns to the monthly parent meetings listed above. However, if they need to meet with administrators or their child's teacher at another time, they can email that individual person or send a message through School Status to schedule a meeting. We welcome any ideas, comments, and concerns, as we want our school to be a place where everyone feels safe and welcome.

School-Parent Compact

School responsibilities	Guardian Responsibilities	Student Responsibilities	Continuous communication
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide high quality Curriculum and Instruction focused on differentiation for the growth of each student. Opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support their children's learning at home through discussion, homework and setting a positive example. Participate in parents meetings where decisions are made about education and use of extracurricular time will be discussed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be open and honest when needing help regarding learning. Act appropriately and do Do not interrupt learning environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent-teacher conferences. Monthly parent meetings training and activities offered at different times at different

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> so that guardians and families volunteer at school and classrooms Opportunities for tutors and families to participate in decisions regarding the education and use of extracurricular time for your children. Keep an open mind. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in parents meetings and trainings/activities when possible. Keep an open mind. Be team oriented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strive to grow. Have a growth mindset. Be team oriented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> days. Progress reports every three weeks.
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- Request for translation in Spanish