



TEXARKANA

Independent School District

District Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2024-2025

Texarkana Independent School District understands that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents and families in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- Parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- Parents and families are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child

Texarkana Independent School District agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by ESSA Section 1116:

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Texarkana Independent School District will hold an Annual Title I Meeting for all parents across the district within the months of August and September. At least one meeting will be convened during the AM and one during the PM to accommodate parent schedules.

FLEXIBLE NUMBER OF MEETINGS

Texarkana Independent School District will offer a flexible number of parent engagement meetings at convenient times for families, such as meetings in the morning or evening.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Texarkana Independent School District will present the Parent and Family Engagement Policy to families at the Annual Title I Meetings for suggestions and approval. TISD will also present the Parent and Family Engagement Policy to families at the end of the school year to elicit any changes for the coming years. Family members will be invited and encouraged to serve on district level committees, as well as committees at the campus level. TISD will also post the district/campus Parent and Family Engagement Policies on the district website and, to the extent practical, elicit feedback on these policies.

COMMUNICATION

Texarkana Independent School District will distribute the Parent and Family Engagement Policy to parents at each district meeting and will also post the policy on the district's website.

TISD will use meetings, workshops, social media, flyers and other communication via the student or mail, the TISD automated phone system, and the district website to keep parents informed.

Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, will be sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

DISSENSION PROCESS

Parents will have the opportunity to submit any comments/concerns to the Texarkana Independent School District Parent and Family Engagement office if the schoolwide plan and/or parent and family engagement policy is not satisfactory to parents.

Any comments/concerns can be sent to Brittney Brookes, brittney.brookes@txkisd.net or by phone at 903.794.3651.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Texarkana Independent School District will jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how families, school, staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standard and how the plan is used, reviewed, and updated.

Campuses accepting Title I Part A funds will convene an Annual Title I School wide meeting within the months of August and September to jointly develop with parents and faculty a home-school compact. Upon parent approval, the campuses will distribute to all parents this document. Administrators, teachers, and parents will use this document in ongoing, two-way conversations about student achievement and behavior.

In the spring of each year, campuses will review this document and revise as necessary for the coming year. Using this method of updating the compact, campuses will elicit feedback from students, faculty, and families in the spring and fall of each year.

BUILD CAPACITY

Texarkana Independent School District will build the parents' and staff capacity for strong parental involvement to ensure effective involvement of parents and families and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement. For the 2022-23 school year, the following Parent and Family Engagement meeting opportunities will be available to provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school:

- Districtwide Title I Meeting – details about Title I services, the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the school compacts will be discussed and attendees will be asked to provide feedback.
- State Testing - the District Testing Coordinator will provide a brief overview for parents of the required state assessments including information related to
 - the state's academic content standards
 - the state's student academic achievement standards
 - the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
 - the requirements of Title I
 - how to monitor their child's progress, and
 - how to work with educators
- Family nights for reading (literacy) and mathematics are held at campuses to provide materials, resources, and training about how parents can help students with reading and/or math content.
- District and Campus Quality Improvement Council meetings will be held to include parents in the development of the district and campus improvement plans.

- English Learner parent and family nights will be planned throughout the year and translators will be available at the campus level for parents as needed.
- Dyslexia and Autism parent and family nights and workshops are scheduled to be offered and will provide parents with materials and resources to increase student achievement.
- Parents are provided opportunities to attend select training and conferences for increasing their knowledge and awareness through coordination of Federal, State, and local programs. .
- District Resources – a list of services and resources appear on the district’s website at www.txkisd.net under the tab “For Parents.”
- Campuses will provide periodic parent workshops focused on helping parents help their children at home.
- The district will provide training and information through the parent and community involvement department for teachers in the best ways to reach out and communicate effectively with parents, as well as how to work with parents as partners to strengthen the home/school connection.

ACCESSIBILITY

Texarkana Independent School District will offer parent meetings at flexible times throughout the school year. Announcements will be available through the district website and social media pages in a language that can be understood by parents. Progress reports, report cards, state assessment results, and other information regarding student achievement will be sent to parents in a timely manner. In addition to TISD Title I Parent Meetings, we will also hold parent meetings for parents of students that are also in the English Learner Program. TISD will also maintain a district data site for parents to access student grades and attendance at any time. All campuses, as well as, the district office maintain normal business hours and welcome feedback in the form of personal visits, conferences, emails and phone calls. Please note, appointments are preferred so that parents may be offered our full attention.

EVALUATION

Texarkana Independent School District will take action to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater 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 school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise its parental involvement policies with the involvement of parents.

STATEWIDE INITIATIVE

Texas has established a Parent and Family Engagement Initiative hosted by the Region 16 Education Service Center. The website is: <https://www.esc16.net/page/title1swi.home>.

Texarkana Independent School District Parent and Family Engagement department is responsible for annually reviewing and publishing this policy. Please contact Brittney Brookes at brittney.brookes@txkisd.net or by phone at 903.794.3651 with any comments or suggestions. Please refer to www.txkisd.net for information on how to become a volunteer, parent handbooks, calendars of school events, or talk to your school principal about opportunities to serve on committees or participate in other parent opportunities.