

**Southwood Valley Elementary
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2024-2025**



Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Policy	
What is it?	Southwood Valley is committed to our mission: We see the potential in every student and staff member through building relationships with the school community. We will provide a safe and positive, student-centered, learning environment full of love and authentic, culturally relevant experiences. We strive to provide high-quality education individualized for each student by developing and maintaining relationships with families and the community. One way we continue to do this is by participating in the Title I, Part A State Program. This program provides funding for low socioeconomic schools. In return, we promise to meet the expectations laid out for us by the Texas Education Agency and the United States Department of Education as described in Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 1116:
Expectations & Objectives	<p>Parents and families are a child’s first teacher. They imitate you from the moment they are born. Therefore, a mutually beneficial relationship between school and home is in the best interest of every child. The expectation of our PFE Program is to foster communication and decision-making with parents about student performance and to collaboratively support learning. Our objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Effective two-way communication, in a language that family members can understand between school and home which is linked to a higher completion rate on homework, better attention during instructional tasks, increased participation by all parties, and improved interactions and relationships between parents, teachers, and students. ● If a child’s parents are more involved in school experiences, the child is more likely to have higher grades, improved behavior, better attendance, higher social skills, and adaption. ● Learning together leads to better school and home life. ● Being a life-long learner can prevent some health issues that often occur later in life.
Funding	Title I funds will be allocated for the implementation of the parent and family engagement program. Such programs, activities and procedures will be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
Review	All use of funding and activities can be reviewed by the Texas Education Agency upon request to ensure they meet the needs of the PFE Program.

<p>Southwood Valley will:</p>	<p>Create a Parent Coalition Board on which parents will be included. This board will plan, develop, evaluate, and revise support and school improvement plans. Hold regular meetings where the Parent Coalition Board will seek input of families, community members and educators. Southwood Valley will distribute the PFE Policy, this document, to parents and the communities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Posting it on our campus website, and keeping it up to date ● Distributing printed copies to all those requesting one ● Distributing printed copies at all the school’s annual meetings ● Have a representative at every school’s annual Title I meeting ● Have a representative at every school PFE event ● Per request, provide the qualifications of a child’s teacher ● Conduct evaluations of every PFE event at each school, collect that data, and give a report that assists the campus in the evaluation and revision of their PFE policy and school-parent compact ● Evaluate the campus Parent and Family Program and its policy throughout the year and revise it as needed, focusing on improvements to known barriers. ● Provide training to every campus employee on the most effective PFE strategies ● Send out a monthly newsletter link in both English and Spanish via School Messenger and Schoology once a month from both the principal and the Parent Teacher Organization ● Send frequent reports to parents on their children’s progress ● We will continue to monitor and adjust for increased parent involvement through the use of surveys (in English & Spanish) for parent involvement and for Parent Workshops. Parent Workshops will increase the capacity of parents as they engage in classes that they deem most appropriate to help them partner with the school for their student’s education.
<p>School-Family Meetings</p>	<p>Parent Meetings offer a time for the school and family to communicate necessary information. These meetings will take place at Southwood Valley Elementary. For meetings held during school hours (7:20 am to 4:00 pm) you can enter through the main office entrance facing Brothers Boulevard. If a meeting is held after school hours in the cafeteria you may enter through the cafeteria doors.</p> <p>The Annual Title I meeting will take place on the following dates and times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, September 19th at 4:30 p.m. in the Library • Friday, September 20th at 12:00 p.m. in Room 707 & Virtual <p>The information is the same for both coordinating meetings and will be offered both in person and virtually. Different meeting times and dates are offered for family convenience. A Spanish translator will be made available for any input or questions, in addition the slideshow presentation will be made available in spanish.</p>

	<p>The Southwood Valley Parent Teacher Organization Meetings will take place on the following dates and times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, September 11th at 12:00 p.m. • Wednesday, October 16th at 12:00 p.m. • Wednesday, November 13th at 12:00 p.m. • Wednesday, January 8th at 12:00 p.m. • Wednesday, February 12th at 12:00 p.m. • Wednesday, March 19th at 12:00 p.m. • Wednesday, April 9th at 12:00 p.m. • Wednesday, May 14th at 12:00 p.m. <p>Meetings will be held virtual on Google Meet. If you would like to view the google meet on campus you may attend in Room 707 (limited seating available, please email bfreeman@csisd.org to attend on campus). All meetings will be announced in newsletters, and posted to our parent calendar on the campus website.</p>
<p>How to be involved at the school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become a member of the Southwood Valley Parent Teacher Organization by emailing our PTO here: infoswvpto@gmail.com • Attend the meeting above and the family trainings/activities below • Join Southwood Valley Parent University by contacting Bridget Freeman, bfreeman@csisd.org • Talk to your child’s teacher about how to help/volunteer in the classroom via their email or by phone during a scheduled conference time. If you do not know your child’s teacher’s email, contact the office at (979)764-5590. • Parents have the opportunity to sign-up to be a Watch Dog or Watch Mom, and spend the day volunteering on campus. • Attend parent workshops offered by the school. Parent Workshops will increase the capacity of parents as they engage in classes that they deem most appropriate to help them partner with the school for their student’s education. • Attend Parent Office Hours offered by the campus Title I Specialist. Parent Office Hours is a special time set aside for parents to increase their knowledge and skills in a one on one setting with the title I specialist. Parents can get assistance searching and applying for employment opportunities, creating employment resumes, improving literacy skills and much more. This will increase the capacity of parents as they engage in opportunities that they deem most appropriate to help them support their student’s education.
<p>School-Family Trainings/ Activities</p>	<p>Family trainings are opportunities for family members to come learn new knowledge and skills from other parents, community members, and educators. The schedule and locations listed below are subject to change. Any changes made will be communicated via, emails, social media, handouts and on our school website.</p> <p>Parent Orientation for Kindergarten</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date & Time: Monday, August 12th at 5:30 p.m.

- Location: Southwood Valley Cafeteria
- Other info: Parents will enter through the main entrance and the cafe entrance for a 30 minute orientation before visiting their child's classroom

Parent Orientation for First and Fourth Graders

- Date & Time: Tuesday, August 20nd at 6:00 p.m. (1st grade) 6:30 p.m. (4th grade)
- Location: Southwood Valley Cafeteria and Gym
- Other info: Parents will enter through the main entrance

Parent Orientation for Second and Third Graders

- Dates & Times: Thursday, August 22nd at 6:00 p.m. (3rd grade) 6:30 p.m. (2nd grade)
- Location: Your child's classroom
- Other info: Parents will enter through the main entrance

Fiesta Patrias Family Parade & Festival

- Dates & Times: Sunday, September 15th at 11:15 a.m.
- Location: Downtown Bryan, (21st to 23rd Street)
- Other info: Students & families participating will receive direction from their child's homeroom teacher .

Building Healthy Back-to- School Habits Parent Workshop

- Dates & Times: Thursday, September 19th at 5:30 p.m.
- Location: Library
- Other info: Get helpful tips and information on how to start the school year off right by establishing healthy habits and routines at home to ensure student success.

Parent-Teacher Conferences (all grade levels; can be conducted in person or virtual)

- Dates & Times: Thursday, October 10th & Friday, October 11th (You will sign up for a time with our child's teacher sometime between September 23th and October 7th)
- Location: School classrooms (Enter through main door and check in at the office)
- Other info: please contact your child's homeroom teacher for a conference date/time

Watch D.O.G.S.& M.O.M.S Kick-Off Tailgate Event

- Dates & Times: Thursday, September 26th at 6:00 p.m.

- Location: Southwood Valley Cafeteria
- Other info: Families, come dressed in your favorite sports team jersey (Enter through the Cafe doors) and learn how being a school volunteer impacts our campus

All About Special Education Parent Workshop

- Dates & Times: October 15th at 12:00 pm
- Location: Southwood Valley, Room 302
- Other info: Please join us to learn more about special education and programs. RSVP: bfreeman@csisd.org

Grandparent's Day Luncheon and Book Fair

- Dates & Times: Friday, November 1st at your child's scheduled lunch time
- Location: School Cafeteria and Library
- Other info: Please RSVP for meal counts when invitation is sent out via email to guardians. More info coming soon.

November Parent Workshop: Digital Learning for for Parents

- Dates & Times: November 14th at 5:30pm
- Location: Southwood Valley Computer Lab, Room 601
- Other info: Parents join us to learn about Class Link, the digital platform students utilize to complete class assignments, and homework. We will also be discussing other helpful digital applications: Schoology, HAC.

December Parent Workshop.

- Dates & Times: TBA
- Location: Southwood Valley
- Other info: coming soon

PTO Fall Dance-A-Thon

- Dates & Times: TBA
- Location: School Gym
- Other info: Parents are encouraged to join their children in the gym.

National Parent Involvement Day

- Dates & Times: Thursday, November 21st
- Location: Southwood Valley

- Other info: We would like to honor your involvement in your child's life and education

College and Career Day

- Dates & Times: Friday, February 7th 10:00 am
- Location: Gym
- Other info: 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students will take part in learning about options for college and careers. College representatives, business owners and local community members will set up booths in the gym to showcase their profession and or college.

FAMILYLAND School Dance

- Dates & Times: Friday, February 21st 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm
- Location: SWV Cafeteria & Gym
- Other info: Please join us for our second annual school dance. Families are invited to attend, this is a family event. The dance is free for SWV students and their families. Students are not allowed to attend the dance without their legal guardian present.

March Parent Workshop

- Dates & Times: TBA
- Location: Southwood Valley
- Other info: coming soon

Celebrate Read Across America Day with SWV

- Dates & Times: Monday, March 3,2025
- Location: SWV Campus
- Other info: Students can dress up in their favorite Dr. Suess character attire and make it a day of reading. We will have opportunities for parents, and community visitors to come read to classes.

College Station ISD Kindergarten Round Up

- Dates & Times: TBA
- Location: SWV
- Other info: We are "Rounding Up" future Eagles! Parents of incoming kindergarten students in August 2025 are invited to come register their student for the 2025-2025 school year, submit required registration documents, meet the kindergarten teaching team and view the campus.

	<p>All Parent Workshops and schoolwide events will be announced via, email, school website, social media, schoology and newsletter.</p>
<p>Curriculum</p>	<p>Southwood Valley Elementary utilizes the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Resource System provides a common set of expectations for what students will know and be able to do at the end of a grade for each subject area. The TEKS form the framework for everything taught at Southwood Valley Elementary. More information is available upon request. Please contact Alison DeLuna via email to set up a meeting time. adeluna@csisd.org</p>
<p>Forms of Academic Assessments</p>	<p>Southwood Valley has common formative assessments that every teacher gives. No matter the teacher, each child is assessed via the same assessment provided by TEKS Resource System which models each assessment after the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness or STAAR test. Previous STAAR tests are released which are utilized for assessment and instruction in addition to other curriculums.</p>
<p>Expected Achievement levels on academic assessments</p>	<p>The State's Performance Standards can be found on this website: https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/staar/staarperformance-standards Southwood Valley tracks each child's growth throughout the year via local assessments (mentioned above). Each child has a folder where teachers help them track their own learning growth</p>
<p>Ways to request regular meetings with the school</p>	<p>Guardians can bring any suggestions, ideas, or concerns to the monthly parent meetings listed above or become a member of the campus parent focus group. However, if they need to meet with the administrators or their child's teacher at another time, they can email that individual person, or contact the front office staff to set up a time to meet. We welcome any ideas, feedback, and concerns as we want our school to be a place where everyone feels safe and welcome.</p>

School-Parent Compact	The School's Responsibilities	The Guardian's Responsibilities	The Student's Responsibilities	On-Going Communication
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction focused on differentiation for the growth of every student. ● A supportive and effective learning environment where guardians and families feel welcome, supported, and valued. ● A plethora of opportunities for guardians and families to volunteer in the school and classrooms. ● Opportunities for guardians and families to participate in the decisions regarding the education and use of extracurricular time for their children. ● Hold an open mindset. ● Be team oriented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support their child's learning at home through dialog, homework, and setting a positive example. ● Volunteering in the school and classroom when able. ● Participate in parent meetings where decisions regarding the education and use of extracurricular time will be discussed. ● Participate in parent meetings and trainings/activities when able. ● Hold an open mindset. ● Be team oriented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be open and honest when needing help regarding learning. ● Act appropriately and do not disrupt the learning environment. ● Strive to grow. ● Hold a growth mindset. ● Be team oriented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent-Teacher Conferences. ● Monthly parent meetings, training and activities offered at different times on different days. ● Progress reports every three weeks. ● Weekly positive phone calls. ● Methods of communication include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Email ➤ Phone ➤ Website ➤ Tuesday folder correspondence ➤ social media ➤ Monthly Newsletters

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This campus Parent and Family Engagement Plan has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by the Southwood Valley Committee signature page on file.

Persons wishing to provide comments/feedback regarding the Southwood Valley Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Plan should contact:

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