



School Parent Policy

Memorial Early College High School

2024-2025

WHAT IS THE CAMPUS POLICY?

At PSJA ISD (Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District) and Memorial ECHS (Early College High School), we are dedicated to fulfilling our Vision and Mission. Memorial ECHS is not just an educational institution; it's a family where our commitment lies in delivering high-quality, personalized education to each student. This is achieved through the cultivation and sustenance of strong relationships with both families and the wider community. Through active participation in the Title I, Part A State Program, we establish effective communication channels with our families, providing them with the opportunity to collaborate with us as a unified team. The program, which allocates funding for all PSJA Schools, enables us to adhere to the guidelines set by the Texas Education Agency and the United States Department of Education. This structured approach allows us to consistently meet and exceed expectations, focusing on the academic achievement of every student.

DISTRICT VISION AND MISSION

Every PSJA student is prepared to participate, compete, and excel in a global society to foster multi-generational prosperity.

As educational leaders, the PSJA team is engaged and empowered to connect all students with innovative instruction, outstanding facilities, technology, skills, and social-emotional support while prioritizing health and safety for all—from early childhood through their chosen career.

As one PSJA Family, we build on our legacy of academic excellence, renowned college, and career readiness, biliteracy, and extracurricular programs, and our multicultural heritage to ensure every student has the experiences and resources necessary to achieve the highest levels of success.

FUNDING

Title I funds will be allocated for the implementation of the Parent and Family Engagement Program. Programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and executed with meaningful consultation involving parents of participating children.

SCHOOL-FAMILY MEETINGS

Parent Meetings offer flexible times for schools and families to exchange necessary information, accommodating parents' schedules. Upon entering through the main campus entrance, parents and guardians will be greeted by a security guard conducting a brief ID check using our new raptor system. A parent sign-in sheet will be available at the designated meeting location.

*The Annual Title I Meeting is scheduled for August, September, and October 2024 (2 per campus).

HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE SCHOOL

At each campus, PSJA organizes a "Meet the Teacher Night" in August for all elementary schools and in September for all secondary schools. A welcoming table is set up at the front of the campus, providing parents with information about the district's volunteer program and literacy sites. All parents are welcome and encouraged to complete a volunteer application to support their child's school.

SCHOOL-FAMILY TRAININGS/ ACTIVITIES

Family Trainings and Events are opportunities for family members to learn new knowledge and skills from other parents, community members, and educators.

The schedule and locations are below.

- **Meet the Teacher Nights/ Open House at Elementary and Secondary Campuses (August 2024 and March 2025)**
- **Academic Curriculum at Elementary and Secondary Campuses (September 2024 - May 2025)**
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences (All Grade Levels- September 2024 - May 2025)**
- **Adult Literacy Book Club for Parents (September 2024 - May 2025)**
- **Adult Literacy Courses for Parents (GED, ESL (English as a Second Language), Computer, Arts/ Crafts, Sewing, Cake Decorating, etc.) (September 2024 – May 2025)**
- **Cultural Family Community Night (September 2024) Folklorico, Conjunto, Mariachi Groups, Student High School Groups @ Stadium**
- **Halloween Trunk/ Treat Family Night (October 2024) @ Stadium**
- **Red Ribbon Parade (October 2024) @ Main Street in San Juan, Texas - Saturday Morning**
- **TABE Parent Conference (October 2024) McAllen Convention Center - McAllen, Texas**
- **School Health Advisory Committee Meetings (October 2024), (February 2025) and (April 2025)**
- **Special Education Parent Conference (November 2024)**
- **PSJA Early College Classrooms on a Saturday**
- **National Parent Involvement Day (November 2024)**
- **Café Sessions with Counselors (September 2023 - May 2024)**
- **Book Authors for Student and Parent Sessions (August 2024 - June 2025)**
- **Christmas Posada Family Event (December 2024) @ PSJA Stadium Evening Event**
- **Understanding State and Local Assessments (August 2024 - March 2025)**
- **District Programs Presentation Sponsored by Dual Language and Parental Engagement (March 2024)**
- **District Advisory Council Officer Meetings for Parent Officers of all Campuses (September 2024, November 2024, February 2025 and April 2025) @ Bowie Parent Center in Alamo, Texas**

All Family Events are posted on the PSJA ISD website and PSJA Parental Engagement Program webpage. In addition, parent educators make personal phone calls to parents to invite them to participate, and the campus and Parental Engagement Department send out notifications and distribute special invitations.

CURRICULUM

- TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) Resource System
- Lead4Ward
- SAVVAS
- Edulastic
- Summit k12
- Edusmart Science
- District created curriculum

FORMS OF ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS

Each campus has formative assessments that every teacher provides. Each child is assessed using assessments provided by TEKS Resource System which models each assessment after the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness of STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) test. Previous STAAR tests that have been released are used for assessment and instruction and other curriculums.

EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS ON ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS

The State's Performance Standards can be found on this website:

<https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/staar/staar-performance-standards>

Each campus tracks each child's growth throughout the year via local assessments which are mentioned above. Each child has a portfolio/folder where the teacher helps them track their own learning growth. Computerized reports are also provided for each teacher to track student data.

WAYS TO REQUEST REGULAR MEETINGS WITH THE SCHOOL

Our school district welcomes every family into each campus. Guardians can bring suggestions, ideas, or concerns to monthly parent meetings. If any parent/ guardian wants to meet with an administrator or their child's teacher at another time, they can visit the school, email, or call the campus.

Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD welcomes any ideas, feedback and/ or concerns; we value each family in our school district.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

The School's Responsibilities:

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction focused on differentiation for the growth of every student
- Implement lessons and activities on Sustainability Goals
- Offer parents multiple opportunities to volunteer at any district campus or parent literacy site
- Allow parents to participate in academic and extracurricular decisions for their children
- Engage parents at meetings by hosting a variety of engagement activities: free parent classes, parent book club sessions (free books provided for each parent in English or Spanish)
- Implement team-oriented sessions
- Offer literacy strategies for all parents
- Implement meetings on a variation of topics: Assessments, Technology Resources, Sustainability, College Academies, etc.

The Guardian's Responsibilities:

- Provide a place for the child to learn at home—a setting for homework, technology space, etc.
- Support their child's learning at home through dialogue, homework and listening to their needs
- Attend parent meetings where decisions regarding education and use of extracurricular time will be discussed
- Engage at parent meetings with other parents and work as a team with others
- Hold an open mindset and be receptive to ideas

The Student's Responsibilities:

- Be open to ideas and learn from others
- Attend school daily
- Behave and follow rules during learning
- Always strive to be better
- Work alongside others to get the best learning experiences
- Treat others with respect and dignity
- Always ask for help regarding learning needs

Communication Methods:

- PSJA ISD website, Parent and Family Engagement webpage, and Campus webpage
- Parent-Teacher Conferences and phone calls
- Monthly Parent Meetings, Trainings, Literacy Classes, events offered at separate times on different days
- Progress Reports Every Three Weeks
- Report Cards Every Six Weeks

Parents of all students, regardless of English proficiency, mobility or disability, are considered to be an important part of our learning community.

For this reason, we will assist any parent at meetings, conferences and school events. We value the partnership with our parents and want them to understand their child's educational process and academic progress.

"We value each parent/guardian in our school district; thank you for being part of our PSJA Family."