



## ***Port Neches Intermediate Parental and Family Engagement Policy 2024-2025***

### **PURPOSE**

The faculty and staff of Port Neches Intermediate believe that parental involvement in the educational activities of the school is essential to a student's success. Port Neches Intermediate School is committed to excellence in education. The purpose of Title I is to improve the basic programs of Port Neches Intermediate. This will provide opportunities for students to acquire the knowledge and skills contained in the state content standards as well as to meet state performance standards. Port Neches Intermediate will maximize its resources to enable each child to become a successful learner. On-going, two-way, meaningful communication between school and home will occur to facilitate mutual understanding to stimulate student success.

Port Neches Intermediate will make every effort to include parents in the development, evaluation, and revision of the Title I Program to provide excellence in education. In keeping with the core belief held by all teachers at Port Neches Intermediate, the following parental involvement policy has been set forth:

### **GENERAL EXPECTATIONS**

#### **Port Neches Intermediate agrees to:**

- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition: Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—
  - (a) That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
  - (b) That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their children's education at school
  - (c) That parents are full partners in their children's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their children
  - (d) The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.
- Involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A in decisions about how Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement are spent.
- Jointly develop/revise with parents the school parent and family engagement policy and distribute it to parents of participating children and make available the parental involvement plan to the local community.
- Jointly conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the school's parent involvement policy.
- Use the findings of the parent and family engagement policy evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary, the school's parental involvement policy.
- Inform parents and parents organizations of the purpose and existence of the Parental Information and Resource Centers (PIRC) in Texas
- If the plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the local education agency.
- Provide to each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least mathematics, language arts, and reading.
- Provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, 12/2/12)
- Provide each parent timely notice information regarding the professional qualifications of the students' classroom teachers and paraprofessionals, as described in section 1111(h)(6)(A)

## **POLICY INVOLVEMENT/DEVELOPMENT**

**Port Neches Intermediate School will involve parents and families in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of Title 1 programs, the school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Campus Needs Assessment, Campus Improvement Plan, and updates on school testing data.**

Port Neches Intermediate School invites parents to participate in the planning, reviewing and revision of the Campus Improvement Plan and Parent and Family Engagement Policy three times each year. Meetings are offered in the morning and evening. Port Neches Intermediate encourages participation in the Port Neches Intermediate School Parent- Teacher Organization (PTO) to create an opportunity for parental input and involvement in numerous activities. Port Neches Intermediate School will also invite parents to serve on the Campus Improvement Committee.

**Port Neches Intermediate School invites parents to participate in a variety of meetings and activities at various times over the course of the school year.**

Meet the Teacher meetings are held in early August to provide parents the opportunity to formally visit their child's classroom to become better informed about grade level expectations and curriculum. Parent-teacher conferences may be scheduled to fit the individual needs of each student.

**Port Neches Intermediate School will provide parents with timely information about programs, curriculum, and forms of assessment used to measure student progress.**

Port Neches Intermediate communicates with parents regularly to relay state curricular and assessment expectations, school requirements of the delivery of instruction, and the routines in place to ensure academic success of students. Port Neches Intermediate utilizes a variety of communicative means including, but not limited to: our school handbook, memos, letters, email, classroom and grade level newsletters, principal newsletters, attendance newsletters, informational parent meetings, Meet the Teacher Night, grade level programs, school/teacher websites, PNI Facebook Page, Twitter, Remind, and individual notes or calls home.

**Port Neches Intermediate School jointly develops, with parents, a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, school staff, and students share responsibility for student academic achievement.**

Parent compacts shall be distributed during the Parent Teacher Conference held after the first six weeks period.

**Port Neches Intermediate School will assist parents in understanding such topics as state academic content and student achievement standards, academic assessments, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.**

Port Neches Intermediate School will conduct parent teacher conferences at least annually. The dates for this year's annual parent teacher conference are October 14-15, 2024. At this time, the parent teacher compact shall be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Teachers shall be available to discuss student progress with the parent(s). The student compacts shall be discussed as it relates to the child's achievement. Parent resource materials will be available through the campus counselor's office.

**Port Neches Intermediate School will 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, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.**

Port Neches Intermediate will hold family nights in the fall and in the spring in order to provide training that parents and children attend together with information that will continue learning at home.

**Port Neches Intermediate School shall educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of parental contributions, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents.**

Faculty and staff members will be cognizant of educational research on parental involvement. Parental input will be solicited throughout the year in meetings, through surveys and one-on-one conferences. Information derived will be utilized by the school's administration to strengthen the tie between school and home. Faculty and Staff will be trained on how to deal with difficult parents. Faculty and staff will travel to student neighborhoods and conduct home visits in early August before the first day of school.

**Port Neches Intermediate School shall coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local 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.**

Port Neches Intermediate will use interactive computer programs that help parents with students in reading and math. Parents will receive their child's login information to all technology programs.

**Port Neches Intermediate School shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to parents of participating children in a format and, to extent practicable, in a language parents can understand.**

School and district websites, and social media will be utilized to inform parents of school events in a language that they can understand. District website contains active links to TEA parent documents for understanding test results in Spanish. There will be an increased number of staff with ESL certifications.

**Port Neches Intermediate School shall provide opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, children with disabilities, and migratory children.**

All parents are afforded the opportunity to be involved in their child's school. If a special need is identified that would help a parent more fully understand the educational process and academic progress of their child, assistance will be provided.

**Port Neches Intermediate will provide reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.**

Port Neches Intermediate will conduct parent surveys to solicit feedback in order to enhance parental involvement. During annual Title meetings, Port Neches Intermediate will perform a comprehensive needs assessment in order to identify and prioritize needs and develop strategies to address the identified needs.

#### **ADOPTION**

The Port Neches Intermediate Parental and Family Engagement Policy/Plan has been developed/revised jointly with, and will be shared with parents and families of children participating in the Title I program, as evidenced by meeting minutes. (05/16/2024)

The Parental and Family Engagement Policy/Plan was developed/revised by Port Neches Intermediate on 05/16/24 and will be in effect for the period of the 24-25 school year.

The school will distribute the Parental and Family Engagement Policy/Plan by posting it on the campus website, and a copy will be published in the Student Handbook in a timely manner after it is board approved.

**Date:** 05/16/2024

Kimberly Carter

Signature of Title I Authorized Representative (Campus Principal)

**These parents will be involved with the ongoing development of this document:**

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