

Zavala Elementary School Parent Policy

2024-2025

Parent & Family Engagement (PFE) Program	
What is it?	Zavala Elementary is committed to the district vision: Our Students...The Future. 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.
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 need of the PFE Program.
Family Meetings	Parent Meetings offer a time for the school and family to communicate necessary information. These meetings will always take place in the cafeteria. You can enter through the main entrance facing Clifford Street. Different meeting times are offered for family convenience. See “Family Trainings and Activies”
How to be involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Become a member of the Zavala PTA. Applications are available in the Zavala office. ➤ Attend the meetings: See “Family Trainings and Activies” ➤ To volunteer at Zavala, fill out the Volunteer Registration at https://volunteerhp.com/ecisd/ ➤ If you do not know your child’s teacher’s number or their email, contact the office at (432) 456-1239 or visit the Zavala webpage: https://www.ectorcountyisd.org/Domain/50
Family Trainings/Activities	<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 the School Status, emails, and on our school website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meet the Teacher- Aug. 8th at 5:00-6:30 p.m. in your child’s classroom. – the PPE will be shared with parents for review. ➤ Open House – Sept. 24th 5:00-6:30 p.m. in your child’s classroom. ➤ Parent-Teacher Conferences (all grade levels; can be conducted in person or virtual). You will sign up for a time with our child’s teacher sometime between Sept 16th – Oct. 4th , and again April 7th- April 11th ➤ Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat- Oct. 18th 5:00-6:30 pm, in the Zavala Gym Parking Lot ➤ Family Math Night, Nov. 7th 5:30-6:30, in the cafeteria ➤ Polar Express Day, Dec. 12th. TBA ➤ Family Science Night, Jan. 23rd 5:30-6:30 ➤ PS I love you Parent Workshop, TBA (early Feb.) ➤ PK-2nd Grade Egg Hunt/Egg Drop, April 17th, TBA ➤ Field Day, May 20th- 21st , TBA ➤ Other January – May Trainings/Events will be announced via Focus and on the Zavala website. ➤ Awards Assemblies (10/11, 12/19, 3/7, 5/22) Times will be announced
Curriculum	Zavala Elementary utilizes high-quality curriculum that that ensures student success to meet the state’s academic achievement standards.

Forms of Academic Assessments	Zavala Elementary has common formative assessments that every teacher gives. No matter the teacher, each child is assessed via the same assessment which models each assessment after the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness or STAAR test. Previous STAAR tests are released and utilized for assessment and instruction in addition to other curriculums. Some forms of assessment include Istation, MAP, Short Cycle Assessments based on TEKS.			
Expected Achievement levels on academic assessments	The State's Performance Standards can be found on this website: https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/taar/taar-performance-standards Zavala Elementary 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. Zavala will hold parent meetings at flexible times and dates for parents to review their child's progress and discuss the information.			
Ways to Request regular meetings	Guardians can bring any suggestions, ideas, or concerns to the monthly parent meetings listed above. However, if they need to meet with the administrators or their child's teacher at another time, they can message the teacher on School Status or call the Zavala office at (432) 456-1239 to schedule a time. We welcome any ideas, feedback, and concerns as we want our school to be a place where everyone feels safe and welcome.			
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 a high-quality curriculum that ensures student success to meet the state's academic achievement standards ➤ Provide a safe and caring learning environment ➤ Provide suggestions with ways parents can help their child at home ➤ Provide support when a student is struggling through using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • different instructional strategies to meet child's learning needs • individualized lessons when needed • computer time for skills development • supplementary instructional materials • tutoring &/or small group learning opportunities ➤ Be accessible to parents to discuss child's progress during teacher conference hours as established, through email correspondence or phone conference at established times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monitor my child's attendance ➤ Ensure my child has completed homework ➤ Provide study area and time ➤ Provide homework assistance ➤ Monitor TV and phone use ➤ Provide positive reinforcement ➤ Attend parent/teacher conferences ➤ Encourage good attendance ➤ Have positive daily communication with child ➤ Volunteer at child's school ➤ Provide set bedtime for adequate sleep ➤ Have my child at school on time ➤ Communicate concerns with teacher as needed through the communication folder or School Status ➤ Monitor my child's academic performance ➤ Read with my child daily ➤ Check assignment sheet daily ➤ Participate in classroom activities as agreed by teacher and parent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attend class daily, be on time and be prepared to learn ➤ Pay attention during class ➤ Complete work on time. ➤ Listen to and follow directions ➤ Turn in all assignments ➤ Come to class with needed materials ➤ Apply skills already learned ➤ Participate in class discussions ➤ Use assignment sheet ➤ Use time productively ➤ Ask questions to make sure I understand ➤ Practice math facts 15 minutes a day ➤ Work cooperatively with others ➤ Read 15-20 minutes a day ➤ Monitor my grades ➤ Follow school and classroom & expectations ➤ Study for tests ➤ Put forth my best effort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parent-Teacher Conferences. ➤ Monthly parent meetings, trainings, and activities offered at different times on different days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Progress reports will be sent every three weeks, and report cards every nine weeks ➤ Communicate with students and parents regarding the student's progress on a regular basis through daily communication folders& planners, as well as utilize School Status. Communication will be sent in the parent's preferred language. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conference with each parent twice a year (once in the fall and once in the spring) to discuss student's progress and achievement
If you have questions about this document, please call Zavala Elementary at (432)456-1239				