



Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2024-2025

Parent & Family Engagement (PFE) Program

What is it?	Sweeny ISD is committed to providing a quality education for every student in the district. In support of our district mission to empower students to pursue their full intellectual, physical, and social potential and become productive citizens, Sweeny ISD will develop and nurture partnerships with parents/caregivers, students, and community stakeholders. 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.
Expectations & Objectives	Parents and families are a child's first teacher. Children imitate parents from the moment they are born. Therefore, a mutually beneficial relationship between school and home is in the best interest of every child. We strive to foster communication and decision-making with parents about student performance and to collaboratively support learning. Our objectives are: - effective two-way communication between school and home - actively recruit parents/caregivers to participate in parent advisory capacity - schedule meetings at convenient times and locations, including virtual meetings to participate in a comprehensive review of policy, budget, and programs for parent engagement - establish campus level contacts to implement parent engagement activities and initiatives - offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and provide child care, or home visits, as such services relate to parental engagement - facilitate communication between parents/caregivers and Title I campuses in native language as represented by district demographics
Sweeny ISD will:	- Create a District Parent & Family Engagement Team with parent representatives to plan, develop, evaluate, support, and revise school improvement plans - Hold multiple meetings where the PFE Team will seek input of families, community members and educators - Distribute the PFE Policy, this document, to parents and the communities by: - Emailing it to all families using our mass notification system - Posting it on our district website, and keeping it up to date - Distributing printed copy to community library - Distributing a printed copy at parent-teacher conferences - Having printed copies and QR codes to the electronic version at the school's front office - Provide the necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective PFE activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance - Per request, provide the qualifications of a child's teacher - Conduct evaluations of PFE events through a short survey provided after every event, collect and review that data to inform future decisions - Assist schools in the evaluation and revision of their PFE policy and school-parent compact - Have the PFE Team evaluate the district Parent and Family Program and its policy throughout the year and revise it as needed - Provide training to all district employees on the most effective PFE strategies
Parents & Family Engagement Opportunities	- Parent volunteer programs (i.e. PTO, Booster Clubs) - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Open House - Participate in district and campus surveys - Follow the district and campuses on social media