Weslaco Independent School District
2025-2026
Title 1 Part A, Parent and Family Engagement District Policy

WISD Vision Statement	The vision of the parent and family engagement program is to ensure that all students have equal access to quality education in a safe environment that enables them to strive to their fullest potential. In addition, Weslaco Independent School District is committed to collaborating with the community to meet the needs of students and families. We seek quality services that impact and inspire all parents to become better supporters, decision-makers, and advocates for their children.
WISD Mission Statement	The mission of the parent and family engagement program is to synergize with parents, school personnel, and community members to engage in school planning activities and to foster exceptional community service, open communication, and positive collaboration for student success.
WISD State of Purpose	Weslaco Independent School District is committed to working together with all parents, families, students, and the community to provide high-quality, engaging, and innovative programs to strengthen academic achievement and success. One way we continue to do this is by participating in the Title 1, 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.
WISD will build capacity by:	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: ● Strong, two-way communication between schools and families enhances homework completion, promotes greater student focus during lessons, encourages active participation from all stakeholders, and fosters positive, collaborative relationships among parents, teachers, and students. ● Weslaco Independent School District will involve parents of children served under Title 1, Part A in deciding how Title 1, Part A funds are spent. ○ Title 1, Part A district and campus meetings are scheduled on different dates and times to allow parents to choose a time that works best for them. ● Weslaco Independent School District will establish a Parent Advisory Board (PAC) that will jointly develop/revise the district parent and family engagement policy. This policy will be distributed to parents of participating students and make it available to the community. ● Weslaco Independent School District will engage parents in the joint development of the Schoolwide Plan (District Improvement Plan) and, if necessary, the School Improvement Plan. ● Weslaco Independent School District will conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy in improving the academic quality of Title 1, Part A program participating schools. The Title 1, Part A Parent and Family Engagement Survey is distributed to parents and families and seeks to identify barriers that inhibit greater participation. The findings will be used to design strategies for more effective parent and family engagement, and the policy will be revised as necessary. In addition to the Title 1, Part A Survey, at the end of each meeting, parents will have the opportunity to fill out a survey to voice their concerns. Parents are always welcome to submit a request or voice a concern at the Parent & Family Engagement Office. ● Weslaco Independent School District will ensure that information related to school and parent/family programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the

parents/families in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.

- Weslaco Independent School District will provide reasonable support for parental engagement activities under these sections, as parents may request. ESSA 1116(e)(14)
- Weslaco Independent School District will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide a home visit if a parent is not able to participate.
- Weslaco Independent School District will assist families in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, how to monitor a child's progress, and how to work with educators to improve their children's achievement. ESSA Section 1116(e)(1) Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:
    - District and Campus STAAR Meetings
    - Reports Cards
    - Progress reports
    - Individualized student report cards regarding their child's performance on the State Assessment.
    - Information is posted on the District Website.
- Weslaco Independent School District campus meetings are planned by the campus parent specialist and campus parent liaison. Meetings and activities should be meaningful and based on the school's needs assessment for the improvement of student academics and compliance with Title 1, Part A requirements.
- Weslaco Independent School District will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools to plan and implement effective parental engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance through district-wide monthly topics. Some of the topics include, but are not limited to:
    - Beginning of Year Parent Orientation
    - Bullying
    - Social/Emotional
    - Substance Abuse
    - Assessment Resources for Parents (STAAR)
    - Literacy
    - Technology
- Weslaco ISD will offer important literacy training for parents using Title I funds if other funding options are not available, as allowed by ESSA Section 1116(e)(7)
- Weslaco Independent School District will schedule parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which the compact will be discussed regarding the individual child's achievement.
    - A conference/meeting may be scheduled at any time throughout the school year. Parents can contact their child's teacher, and/or district/campus administrator.
- To the extent feasible and appropriate, Weslaco Independent School District shall coordinate and integrate parental involvement activities with preschool programs and other activities such as parent resource centers.
- Weslaco Independent School District shall educate teachers, specialized instruction support personnel, principals, other school leaders, and other staff with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents/families, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between the parents and the school.

	○ Parents/families may be involved in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training. ESSA 1116(e)(6) ○ May train parents to enhance the engagement of other parents. ESSA Section 1116(e)(9) ○ May adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental engagement. ESSA 1116(e)(11) ○ Staff development is provided to each campus parental specialist to ensure best practices for family engagement. ○ Weslaco Independent School District recognizes National Parental Day in November and National Volunteer Appreciation Week in April to emphasize the importance of partnerships between school and home. ○ Parental staff members meet with district and campus staff to communicate the importance of family engagement. ○ Parental staff members will notify and recruit parents to participate in the district parent advisory council (PAC) and other committees/councils to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement. ○ Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parental engagement activities. ESSA 1116(e)(13) ○ Weslaco Independent School District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs. Some events include, but are not limited to: ■ Back to School Bash ■ District and Campus presentations ■ In His Image Uniform Bank ■ In His Steps Shoe Bank ■ Weslaco Alfresco ○ Parents are encouraged to volunteer at their child's school. For more information, please contact your campus Parent Specialist/Liaison.
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Adoption	The Parent and Family Engagement District Policy was revised in May 2025 by the Weslaco ISD Parent and Family Engagement staff and the District Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and will be in effect during the 2025-2026 school year.