Jose Alderete Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Title 1

ESSA Section 1116

2025-2026

1. Alderete Middle School shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of ESSA Section 1116 subsections (c) through (f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. Section 1116 (b)(1) & (e)(5)

Parents and staff at Alderete Middle School have developed and agreed on the following Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The policy will be posted on the school website and given out at the Annual Title 1 meeting and will be provided in both English and Spanish. It will also be available in the Parent Center: Room 103, for any parent who requests it. All meetings and conferences will take place in person and online.

2. Alderete Middle School shall convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents and participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved; Section 1116 (c)(1)

To build a dynamic, home-school partnership, Alderete Middle School will provide the following:

An annual meeting where parents will learn about the requirements of the school's education which will be communicated by flyer, call out and email. Alderete Middle School will also provide a weekly newsletter to inform each child's parents of the date, time, and the link for online meetings. Parent conferences will be held at various times during the day to accommodate the needs of parents. Communication will be in a language that parents can understand.

3. Alderete Middle School shall offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provide under this part, transportation childcare, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement; Section 1116 (c)(2)

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Document available in Spanish.

By attending the PAC meetings (at least held twice the first semester and once the 2nd semester) and being part of the Parent Advisory Council, the parents will have the opportunity to help review, plan for, and make suggestions to improve the Title 1 program which includes the campus improvement plan, the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the School-Parent Compact. These meetings will be held during the AM and PM hours for better flexibility. They will also be held online through Zoom and in person at the campus.

4. Alderete Middle School shall involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under section 1114b(b) (Campus Improvement Plan), except that if a school has in place a process for involving parents in the joint planning and design of the school's programs, the school may use that process, if such process includes an adequate representation of parents of participating children; Section 116 (c)(3)

A school-parent compact designed by parents and school staff that outlines how parents, campus staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improvement in student academic achievement.
Appropriate parent participation opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to their child's education if requested by the parent.
Through Parent University, free academic sessions will be offered online to provide strategies, materials, and training to help the parents work with their child to improve their academic achievement

5. Alderete Middle School shall provide parents of participating children-

    a. Timely information about programs under this part.
    b. A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement of the challenging State academic standards; and
    c. If requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible; Section 1116 (c)(4)

Assistance to parents understanding the state's academic content standards known as the STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) and the state student achievement standards based on STAAR information will be communicated through a parent information meeting. Results are available on parent portal. Parent conferences will be held at various times during the day to accommodate the needs of parents. A description and explanation of the curriculum used, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and proficiency levels students are expected to meet will be provided to parents through teacher conferences and school wide meetings.

6. If the schoolwide program plan (Campus Improvement Plan, CIP) under section 1114(b) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local education agency. Section 1116 (c)(5

Parents are always encouraged to give their feedback and they can do such via:
Campus Improvement Committee (CIC)
Campus Needs Assessment (CNA)
District Advisory Committee (DAC)
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
Parent Leadership Committee (PLT)
School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)
Parent University
Back to School or Open House
Surveys
School and District Website
Canutillo Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC)

7. To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Jose Alderete Middle School shall: Section 1116 (e)
    i. Provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children; Section 1116 (e)(2)
    ii. Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement; Section 1116 (e)(1)
    iii. Educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, 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 parents and the school; Section 1116 (e)(3)
    iv. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool 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; Section 1116 (e)(4)
    v. Provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. Section 1116 (e)(14)

Parent conferences will be held at various times during the day to accommodate the needs of parents. These conferences may be held on-line with prior arrangement with the teacher . Communication will be in the format and language that parents can understand. During the conferences, the parents will have the opportunity to participate and provide suggestions about the education of their child. Information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities will be sent to parents in a timely manner. Information of the dates and times as well as location will be given to parents through digital flyer's, calendars, the AMS website, social media, Remind App, phone call from the Blackboard Messenger System, S mores Newsletter, and by the 1st period class.