

Gonzalo & Sofia Garcia Elementary School
Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2025-2026

To build a dynamic, home-school partnership, Gonzalo & Sofia Garcia Elementary will provide the following:

- An annual meeting where parents will learn about the requirements of the school's Title 1 Program and will be given an opportunity to become involved with their child's education. The annual meeting will be helpful in the first semester.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held twice a year, one in the fall and one in the spring semesters. They will hold virtually if requested. Parents can request an individual Parent-Teacher Conference at any time during the school year. Communication with parents will be in a format and language that they can understand. Title 1 funds may be used to pay any expenses to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- Information regarding curriculum, assessments, progress, and scholar expectations based on STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) will be provided to parents. STAAR results will be sent home in the summer when the district receives them. Parents can also visit the Texas Education Agency website at <https://tea.texas.gov/> to view or print STAAR results.
- A School-Parent Compact designed by parents and school staff that outlines how parents, teachers, and scholars will share the responsibility for improvement in student academic achievement.
- Information related to school and parent programs; meetings and other activities will be sent to parents in a timely manner. In addition, the school marquee, Class Dojo, and Blackboard will be used to inform parents of meeting dates.
- Materials and specific training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement that are in progress.

Parents and community members are always welcome to make suggestions to improve our schools. By working together, we can make the students successful learners. Some of the opportunities that parents may participate in Gonzalo & Sofia Elementary are listed here:

Canutillo ISD Programs/Services

- Computer Classes
- Dual Language
- Push in and Small Group tutorials
- Counseling: Individual/Group/Classroom
- UIL (University Interscholastic League) Competitions
- Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) program
- Special Education Services
 - Speech Therapy
 - Physical Therapy

- Occupational Therapy
 - Special Education Resource
- Multi-Tier Support System (MTSS) Teams
 - 504 Support Services
- Computer intervention programs with school to home access
- Dyslexia Services
- Health Services
- Vision/Hearing Screenings
- Media Center (Library)

Gonzalo & Sofia Garcia Elementary School Programs/Services

- Small Group Tutorials
- Special rotation for music class (Music class is held once a week during PE period)
- Grade level Field Trips

Extra things that make Gonzalo & Sofia Elementary School Special

- Wireless networking to classrooms with computer access
- iPad for students Pre-Kinder to 2nd grade/MacBook laptop for student's 3rd to 5th grade
- Language Proficiency Acquisition Committee (LPAC) Meetings
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC) (Groups of teachers collaborating, planning and learning together)
- School Website, Social Media
- Young Rembrandts-Fee is required per semester
- Good News Club
- Most Important—A staff that cares about the welfare and education of your child!

Student Involvement Opportunities

- Band
- Choir
- Student Council
- Science Fair
- Red Ribbon Week
- Spirit Days
- Recognitions: A and A/B Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, AR (Accelerated Reader)
- Robotics (3rd, 4th, and 5th grades only)

Parent Involvement Opportunities

- PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)
- Migrant/Title 1 Meetings
- Campus Improvement Committee (CIC)
- Book Fair (Held twice a year in our library)
- Volunteer opportunities

- Volunteer Appreciation Day
- UIL (University Interscholastic League competition)
- Grade level music programs
- Math/Science Night
- Family Literacy Night
- Band/Choir Concert
- Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

Parent/School Communication

- District Newsletter
- School Marquee
 - Class Dojo
 - GES Parent Newsletter
- Meet the Teacher/ Open House
- Parent University Trainings and Workshops
- Blackboard Communication
- Parent Access on Parent Portal
- Translators provided as needed