

Morris Slingluff Elementary School

2025-2026

Parent Involvement / Family / Community Engagement Plan

Morris Slingluff Elementary School has established expectations for parent involvement in the educational process. The administration and faculty believe that Family Engagement is one of the most important links to academic success. We are committed to increasing Family Engagement within our school and the community by providing opportunities for parents to actively participate in the education of their child/children in the following ways:

1. Developing jointly with parents, agreeing with parents, and distributing to parents a Family/Community Engagement Plan.
2. Supporting and encouraging active participation in PTO events such as meetings, Fall Festival, Field Day, parent luncheons, and Open House. Provide specific requests from parents for volunteer opportunities.
3. Providing opportunities for parents to respond to surveys and questionnaires expressing their ideas and concerns to improve education. Surveys will be sent home twice a year along with on-line surveys. Incentives will be provided for those who return surveys.
4. Providing parents access to written materials in their native language.
5. Encouraging parents to attend school events and use their talent/resources to enhance the instructional program.
6. Providing interpreter services when necessary.
7. Providing a flexible number of regularly scheduled parent meetings during the morning, afternoon, and evenings. Provide Community Circles for parents and community stakeholders to experience what students have been learning.
8. Providing descriptions/expectations of curriculum, academic assessments and student proficiency levels. Two meetings during the school year.
9. Provide training to help parents work with their children to improve their achievement every nine weeks. Provide How-To videos on our website.
10. The school may provide with Title I Funds: transportation, child care, or home visits as necessary to help remove barriers to parent/guardian's participation in school activities and meetings.

Title I Involvement

The administrators, faculty, and parents will jointly develop, review, revise and implement the Morris Slingluff School Improvement Plan, Title I Family Engagement Plan, and School Compact requirements according to the guidelines set forth by law and by Dothan City Schools. To build capacity for involvement with parents and the community, Morris Slingluff Elementary School will:

1. Hold an Annual Title I Parent Meeting and other parent meetings, at flexible times and invite all parents to attend.
2. Invite feedback from parents and respond to parent questions and concerns in a timely manner.
3. Provide all communications in a format and language that is easily understandable to all parents.
4. Having quarterly student led conference days with parents to discuss learning goals, strengths and areas in need of improvement.
5. Communicate with parents on a regular basis through weekly newsletters, weekly folders, student progress reports, school newsletters, website, Facebook, school marquee, School Cast, Remind 101, Class Dojo, and/or Blooms.
6. Provide scheduled parent-teacher conferences and requested parent-teacher conferences to discuss student progress.
7. Provide parents and community with assessment results and overall district and building performance.
8. Provide parents and community stakeholders accessibility of LEA policies and curriculum.
9. Provide an information board of current events, updated website information, and distribute notices and communications in a timely manner to inform parents of school activities and academic programs.
10. Provide parents and community stakeholders a copy of the Morris Slingluff Family/Community Engagement Plan and a copy of the Title I Parent Involvement Plan.
11. Provide meetings and activities to assist parents in understanding the curriculum, academic assessments, and student proficiency levels.
12. Utilize partnerships with community organizations and adopters to improve student achievement.
13. Coordinate and integrate activities and programs through Parent and Community Engagement.
14. Invite parents to join and actively participate in the Morris Slingluff Elementary School PTO.

To ensure Morris Slingluff Elementary School parents participate in in the school's program, we will:

1. Provide annual meeting to explain the requirements of Title I, the school's participation in the Title I program, and parents' right to be involved.
2. Provide flexible times for our parents to attend parent meetings during the morning, afternoon, and evening.
3. Provide opportunities for parents to jointly develop, review, and revise the Parent-School Compact, the Family/Community Engagement Plan, and the School Improvement Plan.
4. Provide opportunities for parents to give suggestions and comments about the Parent-School Compact, The Family/Community Engagement Plan, and the School Improvement Plan and to respond to parent comments and suggestions in a timely manner.
5. Distribute copies of the Parent-School Compact and the Family/Community Engagement Plan in a timely manner to all students, parents, and community stakeholders and acquire appropriate signatures.
6. Provide opportunities for parents to be involved in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning and review of school programs.
7. Provide access to community and support services.
8. Provide parent meetings to explain the curriculum, assessments, formative assessments and expected student proficiency levels.
9. Provide parents opportunities for regular meetings for suggestions, decision-making, and responses.
10. Provide responses to parent suggestions, questions, and concerns through newsletters, written and phone communication.
11. Provide opportunities for parents to participate in professional development available to staff and parents.
12. Provide ELL parents information on assisting their children in attaining English proficiency and in achieving academic success.
13. Involve parents in an organized, ongoing, timely way, in planning and reviewing the Morris Slingluff Family/Community Engagement Plan.
14. Provide two scheduled parent-teacher conferences during the school year to discuss student progress and to review the School-Compact and Family/Community Engagement Plan.
15. Provide timely information about parent programs.