

Southwood Valley Elementary
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2026-2027



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Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Policy	
What is it?	Southwood Valley is committed to our mission: We see the potential in every student and staff member through building relationships with the school community. We will provide a safe and positive, student-centered, learning environment full of love and authentic, culturally relevant experiences. 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. In return, we promise to meet the expectations laid out for us by the Texas Education Agency and the United States Department of Education as described in Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 1116.
Expectations & Objectives	Parents and families are a child's first teacher. They imitate you from the moment they are born. Therefore, a mutually beneficial relationship between school and home is in the best interest of every child. 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: • Effective two-way communication, in a language that family members can understand between school and home which is linked to a higher completion rate on homework, better attention during instructional tasks, increased participation by all parties, and improved interactions and relationships between parents, teachers, and students. • If a child's parents are more involved in school experiences, the child is more likely to have higher grades, improved behavior, better attendance, higher social skills, and adaption. • Learning together leads to better school and home life. • Being a life-long learner can prevent some health issues that often occur later in life.
Funding	Title I funds will be allocated for the implementation of the parent and family engagement program. Such programs, activities and procedures will be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children. To view a detailed allocation of campus Title I, Part A funds please visit the school website and access the annual title I meeting presentation. This presentation is located under the Title One information tab.

Review	All use of funding and activities can be reviewed by the Texas Education Agency upon request to ensure they meet the needs of the PFE Program.
Southwood Valley will:	Create a Parent Focus Group on which parents will be included. This group will plan, develop, evaluate, and revise school improvement plans including but not limited to the campus parent and family engagement policy, and the school-parent compact. This group will meet after school hours, on campus, roughly 3 times per school year where the campus administration will seek input from families, community members and educators. Southwood Valley will distribute the PFE Policy, this document, to parents and the communities by: ● Posting it on our campus website, and keeping it up to date ● Distributing printed copies to all those requesting one ● Distributing printed copies at all the school's annual meetings ● Have a representative at every school's annual Title I meeting ● Have a representative at every school PFE event ● Per request, provide the qualifications of a child's teacher ● Conduct evaluations of every PFE event at each school, collect that data, and give a report that assists the campus in the evaluation and revision of their PFE policy and school-parent compact ● Evaluate the campus Parent and Family Program and its policy throughout the year and revise it as needed, focusing on improvements to known barriers. ● Provide training to every campus employee on the most effective PFE strategies ● Send out a monthly newsletter link in both English and Spanish via School Messenger and Schoology once a month from both the principal and the Parent Teacher Organization ● Send frequent reports to parents on their children's progress ● We will continue to monitor and adjust for increased parent involvement through the use of surveys (in English & Spanish) for parent involvement and for Parent Workshops. Parent Workshops will increase the capacity of parents as they engage in classes that they deem most appropriate to help them partner with the school for their student's education. Parent Success Team Meeting Dates: ● Fall Meeting 1 2026 (Sep- Oct.) ● Fall Meeting 2 2026 (December) ● Spring Meeting 1 2027 (April)

	- To join the parent success team please fill out the contact/registration form : CLICK HERE - To access the form another way, please scan this QR code: 
School-Family Meetings	Parent Meetings offer a time for the school and family to communicate necessary information. These meetings will take place at Southwood Valley Elementary. For meetings held during school hours (7:20 am to 4:00 pm) you can enter through the main office entrance facing Brothers Boulevard. If a meeting is held after school hours in the cafeteria you may enter through the cafeteria doors. The Annual Title I meeting will take place on the following dates and times: Friday, September 4th at 12:00 p.m. i Virtual via google meet Annual Title I Meeting-virtual Friday, September 4, 2026 · 12:00 – 1:00pm Time zone: America/Chicago Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/poa-qvvy-mea Or dial: (US) +1 609-467-8254 PIN: 678 199 340# Tuesday, September 15th at 5:00 pm in the Library, Room 600 The information is the same for both coordinating meetings and will be offered both in person and virtually. Different meeting times and dates are offered for family convenience. A Spanish translator will be made available for any input or questions, in addition the slideshow presentation will be made available in spanish. Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) Meetings will take place on the following dates and times: - Fall dates are coming soon! Please contact your child’s homeroom teacher for more information and participation inquiries. Childcare for school-aged children is provided while parents meet with teachers.

	The Southwood Valley Parent Teacher Organization Meetings will take place on the following dates and times: • Wednesday, September 9th at 12:00 p.m. • Wednesday, October 14th at 12:00 p.m. • Wednesday, November 11th at 12:00 p.m. • Wednesday, January 13th at 12:00 p.m. • Wednesday, February 10th at 12:00 p.m. • Wednesday, March 10th at 12:00 p.m. • Wednesday, April 14th at 12:00 p.m. • Wednesday, May 12th at 12:00 p.m. Meetings will be held virtual on Google Meet and hosted virtually on campus in Room 707. If you would like to view the google meet on campus you may attend in Room 707 (please email bfreeman@csisd.org to attend on campus). All meetings will be announced in newsletters, posted on the school marquee, and posted to our parent calendar on the campus website.
How to be involved at/with the school	• Become a member of the Southwood Valley Parent Teacher Organization by emailing our PTO here: infoswvpto@gmail.com • Attend the meetings above and the family trainings/activities below • Talk to your child's teacher about how to help/volunteer in the classroom via their email or by phone during a scheduled conference time. If you do not know your child's teacher's email, contact the office at (979)764-5590. • Parents have the opportunity to sign-up to be a Watch Dog or Watch Mom, and spend the day volunteering on campus. • Attend parent workshops and or Academic Parent Teacher Team Meetings offered by the school. Parent Workshops and APTT meetings will increase the capacity of parents as they engage in classes that they deem most appropriate to help them partner with the school for their student's education. • Attend Parent Office Hours offered by the campus Title I Specialist. Parent Office Hours is a special time set aside for parents to increase their knowledge and skills in a one on one setting with the title I specialist. Parents can get assistance searching and applying for employment opportunities, creating employment resumes, improving literacy skills and much more. This will increase the capacity of parents as they engage in opportunities that they deem most appropriate to help them support their student's education. • Become a member of the Southwood Valley Parent Focus Group by contacting Bridget Freeman • Become a member of the Southwood Valley Campus Improvement Plan Committee by contacting Bridget Freeman • Complete surveys sent out by the campus administration and share input • Watch the daily,morning announcements by subscribing to the campus Eagle News page: https://www.youtube.com/@swveagle2693

School-Family Trainings/ Activities	Family trainings are opportunities for family members to learn new knowledge and skills from other parents, community members, and educators. The schedule and locations listed below are subject to change. Any changes made will be communicated via, emails, social media, handouts and on our school website. Meet the Teacher • Date & Time: August 17, 2026 5:00 pm 1st and 3rd grade 5:45 pm 2nd and 4th grade • Location: Southwood Valley Elementary, 2700 Brothers Blvd. College Station, TX 77845 • Other info: Join us for SWV 2026-2027 Meet the Teacher Event. Families will have the opportunity to tour the campus, meet their child's teacher(s), turn in school supplies, register for CSISD Bus transportation, and much more! First Day of School Cheers & Tears Breakfast Hosted by PTO • Date & Time: August 19, 2026, 7:20 a.m. to 8:15 a.m • Location: Kindergarten Hall Room 502 • Other info: Parents are invited to come meet Principal DeLuna and Assistant Principal Sanders, grab breakfast and get all the tissues, and hugs they need for all the emotions the first day of school may bring! Please be prepared to check-in at the front office with your identification prior to entering the campus. Parent Orientation for Kindergarten (New Eagle Orientation) • Date & Time: August 13, 2026. 5:30 p.m. • Location: Southwood Valley Kinder Classrooms • Other info: Parents will enter through the main entrance and the cafe entrance for a 30 minute orientation before visiting their child's classroom for a homeroom specific orientation. Parent Orientation for First and Fourth Graders • Date & Time: August 24, 2026. First grade - 5:30pm Fourth Grade- 6:00 pm • Location: Southwood Valley Cafeteria and Gym • Other info: Parents will enter through the main entrance.
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	Parent Orientation for Second and Third Graders • Dates & Times August 27, 2026. Third grade- 5:30pm Second grade- 6:00 pm • Location: Your child's classroom • Other info: Parents will enter through the main entrance Parent-Teacher Conferences (all grade levels; can be conducted in person or virtual) • Dates & Times: Friday, October 9th (You will sign up for a time with our child's teacher) • Location: School classrooms (Enter through main door and check in at the office) • Other info: please contact your child's homeroom teacher for a conference date/time Watch D.O.G.S. & M.O.M.S Kick-Off • Dates & Times: Details coming soon! • Location: Southwood Valley • Other info: Families learn how being a school volunteer impacts our campus. September Parent Workshop: Establishing Healthy Back to School Habits • Dates & Times: TBA 6:00 pm • Location: Southwood Valley Library • Other info: Come learn helpful tips to establish routines for a great school year. Hosted by school counselor Mrs. Poage Grandparent's Day Luncheon and Fall Book Fair • Dates & Times: Friday, October 23, 2026 at your child's scheduled lunch time • Location: School Cafeteria and Library • Other info: Please RSVP for meal counts when invitation is sent out via email to guardians. More info coming soon. All Parent Workshops, Meetings and schoolwide events will be announced via, email, school website, social media, schoology and newsletter.
Curriculum	Southwood Valley Elementary utilizes the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Resource System provides a common set of expectations for what students will know and be able to do at the end of a grade for each subject area. The TEKS form the framework for everything taught at Southwood Valley Elementary. More information is available upon request. Please contact Alison DeLuna via email to set up a meeting time. adeluna@csisd.org

Forms of Academic Assessments	Southwood Valley has common formative assessments that every teacher gives. No matter the teacher, each child is assessed via the same assessment provided by TEKS Resource System which models each assessment after the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness or STAAR test. Previous STAAR tests are released which are utilized for assessment and instruction in addition to other curriculums.
Expected Achievement levels on academic assessments	The State's Performance Standards can be found on this website: https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/staar/staarperformance-standards Southwood Valley tracks each child's growth throughout the year via local assessments (mentioned above). Each child has a folder where teachers help them track their own learning growth.
Ways to request regular meetings with the school	Guardians can bring any suggestions, ideas, or concerns to the parent meetings listed above or become a member of the campus parent focus group. However, if they need to meet with the administrators or their child's teacher at another time, they can email that individual person, or contact the front office staff to set up a time to meet. We welcome any ideas, feedback, and concerns as we want our school to be a place where everyone feels safe and welcome

School-Parent Compact	The School's Responsibilities	The Guardian's Responsibilities	The Student's Responsibilities	On-Going Communication
	Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction focused on differentiation for the growth of every student. • A supportive and effective learning environment where guardians and families feel welcome, supported, and valued. • A plethora of opportunities for guardians and families to volunteer in the school and classrooms. • Opportunities for guardians and families to participate in the decisions regarding the education and use of extracurricular time for their children. • Hold an open mindset. • Be team oriented	• Support their child's learning at home through dialog, homework, and setting a positive example. • Volunteering in the school and classroom when able. • Participate in parent meetings where decisions regarding the education and use of extracurricular time will be discussed. • Participate in parent meetings and trainings/activities when able. • Hold an open mindset. • Be team oriented	• Be open and honest when needing help regarding learning. • Act appropriately and do not disrupt the learning environment. • Strive to grow. • Hold a growth mindset. • Be team oriented.	• Parent-Teacher Conferences. • Parent meetings, training and activities offered at different times on different days. • Progress reports every three weeks. • Weekly positive parent contact • Methods of two-way communication include: ➤ Email ➤ Phone ➤ Website ➤ Tuesday folder correspondence ➤ social media ➤ Monthly Newsletters

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This campus Parent and Family Engagement Plan has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by the Southwood Valley Committee signature page on file.

Persons wishing to provide comments/feedback regarding the Southwood Valley Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Plan should contact:

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