



Santo Independent School District

2026-2027 Parent and Family Engagement Policy & Program

What is it?	Santo ISD believes partnerships between parents, students, teachers, and the community are vital to the success of our school system. Our school receives Title I, Part A funding, and in return, we promise to meet the expectations laid out for us by the Texas Education Agency and the United States Department of Education. Santo ISD shall conduct, with the meaningful involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy, identify any barriers to greater participation by parents/families, identify the needs of parents/families to assist with the learning of their children and identify strategies to support successful school and family interactions.
Outcomes	Parents and families are a child's first teachers. 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. Our efforts are intended to foster communication and decision-making with parents about student performance and to collaboratively support learning. ➤ Effective two-way communication between school and home 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 adaptation. ➤ Learning together leads to a better school and home life. ➤ Being a lifelong learner can prevent some health issues that often occur later in life.
Santo ISD will:	➤ Include parents on the District Improvement Committee (DIC) and involve parents in the annual improvement planning process (comprehensive needs assessment, improvement plan development, program evaluation, and, as necessary, revision of the improvement plan). ➤ Regularly seek the input of parents, families, and community members in decision-making (surveys) ➤ Distribute the PFE Policy, this document, to parents and families by: ○ Posting it on our district website and keeping it up to date ○ Providing hard copies for review and revision as part of the annual improvement planning process ○ Reviewing the document during the school's annual Title I meetings

	➤ Involve parents in the annual evaluation of the PFE policy, school-parent compact, and Parent and Family Engagement Program throughout the year and revise as needed. The annual evaluation process will identify barriers to greater participation by parents/families; identify the needs of parents/families to assist with the learning of their children; and identify strategies to support successful school and family interactions. Findings from the annual evaluation will be used to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary, the parent and family engagement policies. ➤ Post documents in both English and Spanish and provide translation services as needed for school activities. ➤ Provide training for every district employee on the most effective PFE strategies annually ➤ Per request, provide the qualifications of a child's teacher. ➤ Provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of Santo Elementary School to plan and implement effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance. ➤ Provide assistance to parents/families in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local assessments, how to monitor a child's progress, and how to work with educators to improve academic achievement and school performance. Parent information meetings will be facilitated at the campus level to review the curriculum in use, assessments, and proficiency levels students must meet (Meet the Teacher, Grade Level meetings, Literacy/Math Nights, etc.) ➤ Shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including the PreK program and other activities (ELL Reception, Continuing Education Opportunities for language acquisition and literacy) ➤ Shall ensure that information related to school and parent/family programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents/families in a format and language the parents can understand (English & Spanish).
School-Family Meetings	School-Family Engagement activities offer time for the school and family to communicate necessary information. Events and activities include but are not limited to Meet the Teacher, PreK Orientation, Parent Information Night, ELL Reception, Healthy Families Night, Awards Assembly, Talent Show, Math and Literacy Activities, Christmas Program, Band Concert, and Grandparents' Day. The Annual Title I meetings will take place at least twice a year. Different meeting times are offered for family convenience. Other activities will be scheduled throughout the year and will be communicated on the school website, via ClassDojo, and social media platforms.
How to be involved at the school	➤ Serve on your child's Campus Improvement Committee (CIC) or Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) ➤ Attend School-Family Meetings and Activities ➤ Attend Grade Level Parent meetings ➤ Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences in person or virtually; request a different date or time as needed ➤ Talk to your child's teacher about how to help/volunteer in the classroom.

	➤ Join the Wildcat Parents Association (a parent support organization) ➤ Complete surveys as requested to provide input and feedback.
School-Family Trainings/Activities	Santo ISD will provide opportunities for parents and family members to learn new knowledge and skills from other parents, community members, and educators. Opportunities include but are not limited to Meet the Teacher, PreK Orientation, Parent Information Night, ELL Reception, Healthy Families Night, Math and Literacy Activities, Autism Awareness Night, Continuing Education Classes for parents and families to improve their language acquisition and literacy skills, and Wildcat Parent Association events. Different meeting times are offered for family convenience. Parents and families are encouraged to reschedule parent-teacher conferences as necessary (in-person and virtual). Dates of events (and any changes) will be communicated on the school website, via ClassDojo, the school sign, and social media platforms.
Curriculum	Santo ISD utilizes the following curricula. More information is available on request. Please contact your child's campus administrator with any questions. ➤ Secret Stories ➤ Wonders ➤ Studies Weekly (Social Studies) ➤ Heggerty (Phonics) ➤ IXL ➤ Marvel/Magic Math ➤ Coach/Motivation Math ➤ Lexia
Forms of Academic Assessments	Santo ISD administers a variety of assessments to monitor student progress: ➤ Universal screeners in grades PreK-2 ➤ Diagnostic assessments to gain baseline data and help teachers prioritize their instructional planning ➤ Formative assessments to check for understanding (exit tickets, independent practice, quizzes, and unit tests) ➤ The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) program includes annual assessments for: ○ Mathematics in grades 3–8 ○ Reading language arts (RLA) in grades 3-8 ○ Science in grades 5 and 8 ○ Social studies in grade 8 ○ End-of-Course (EOC) assessments for Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology, and U.S. History. ➤ PSAT, SAT, ACT, ASVAB, & TSIA-2

Expected Achievement Levels on Academic Assessments	The STAAR program measures student mastery of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) curriculum standards. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) are the state standards for what students should know and be able to do. The State's Performance Standards can be found on this website: https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/staar/staar-performance-standards. Santo ISD tracks each child's growth throughout the year via local assessments (mentioned above) and regularly shares information about student progress with parents (3-week progress reports, 6-week report cards).
How to Request a Meeting with the School	Santo ISD welcomes any ideas, feedback, and concerns as we want our school to be a place where everyone feels safe and welcome. Parents and family members are encouraged to share any suggestions, ideas, or concerns with the school at any time. Staff shall arrange meetings at a variety of times or conduct in-home conferences with parents/families who are unable to attend conferences at school or virtually. ClassDojo is used to facilitate communication from school to home and vice versa. Parents and families may contact their child's teacher or principal at any time with questions or to request a time to meet in person or virtually. Email addresses for Santo ISD staff on the school websites: Santo Elementary School Staff Directory.
Compact	The School-Parent Compact is posted on the Santo ISD and Santo Elementary School websites.

This plan is posted at [Santo ISD](#). The district's homepage is www.santoisd.net/.

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