

River Bend Elementary
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2026-2027

Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Policy	
What is it?	River Bend is committed to our mission: Ensuring excellence and unique success for every learner, every day. 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.
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.
River Bend will:	Create a Campus Improvement Plan Committee on which parents (2), business members (2) and community members (2) will be included. This committee will plan, develop, evaluate, and revise support and school improvement plans. Hold regular meetings where the Campus Improvement Plan Committee will seek input of

	families, community members and educators. River Bend 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 meetings • 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 weekly newsletter link in both English and Spanish via FinalSite and once a month from 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 using 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.
School-Family Meetings	Parent Meetings offer a time for the school and family to communicate necessary information. These meetings will take place at River Bend. For more information about upcoming Parent Meetings, please see our campus website at rb.csisd.org The Annual Title I Meetings will take place on the following dates and times: • Monday, September 21, 2026 at 5:30p.m. in the library • Friday, September 25, 2026 at 11:00a.m. in the library The information is the same for both coordinating meetings. Different meeting times and dates are offered for family convenience. The slideshow presentation will be available in the weekly family newsletter for any parent to review at any time.

	River Bend Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meetings will take place on the following dates and times: - Monday, September 21, 2026 at 6:00p.m. in library - Monday, October 26, 2026 at 6:00p.m. in library - Monday, November 16, 2026 at 6:00p.m. in library - Monday, January 25, 2027 at 6:00p.m. in library - Monday, April 12, 2027 at 6:00p.m. in library - Monday, May 10, 2027 at 6:00p.m. in library
How to be involved at the school	- Become a member of the River Bend Parent Teacher Organization by emailing our PTO at riverbendcspto@gmail.com - Attend the meetings above - Become a member of the River Bend Papa Bears by emailing Papa Bears at riverbendpapabears@gmail.com. - 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)694-5841.
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 newsletters, emails, social media, handouts and on our school website. Parent Orientation for Kindergarten, First and Second Grade - Date & Time : August 25, 2026, 6:00-7:30p.m. - Location: Begin in the cafe and then transition to classrooms Parent Orientation for Third and Fourth Grade - Date & Time: August 27, 2026, 6:00-7:30p.m. - Location: Begin in the cafe and then transition to classrooms Papa Bears Kick-Off - Date & Time: TBD - Location: Mission Ranch House - Other info: Come learn how being a volunteer impacts our campus

PTO Movie Night

- Date & Time: September 18, 2026, 6:00-7:30p.m.
- Location: cafeteria
- Other info: Parents are encouraged to join their children in the cafeteria

Learner Led Conferences (all grade levels; can be in person, via phone or virtual)

- Date & Time: October 9, 2026
- Location: Your child's classroom
- Other info: Please contact your child's homeroom teacher for a conference date/time

STEAM Night

- Date & Time: October 22, 2026, 6:00-7:30p.m.
- Location: River Bend
- Other info: Come participate in various activities centered around Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Community organizations will be here to demonstrate and provide information.

Bear Share

- Date & Time: January 28, 2027, 6:00-7:30p.m.
- Location: your child's homeroom classroom
- Other info: Join us for an update on how your child is progressing towards their academic goals

Bears, Books, and Bingo

- Date & Time: February 25, 2027, 6:00-7:30p.m.
- Location: cafe, library
- Other info: Scholastic Book Fair, free live bingo & concessions led by Papa Bears

Multicultural Night

- Date & Time: March 25, 2027, 6:00-7:30p.m.
- Location: cafeteria & gym
- Other info: Enjoy performances, food trucks and informational booths about various cultures

College Station ISD New Student Registration Night

- Date & Time: TBD
- Location: River Bend

	Other info: We are "Rounding Up" future Bears. Parents of incoming new students in April 2027 are invited to come register their students for the 2027-2028 school year, submit required registration documents, meet the kindergarten teaching team and view the campus. All parent engagement events will be announced via email, school website, social media and weekly newsletter.
Curriculum	River Bend utilizes the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Resource System and the Early Childhood Curriculum Guides to provide 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 River Bend. More information is available upon request. Please contact Heather Sherman via email at hsherman@csisd.org to set up a meeting time.
Forms of Academic Assessments	River Bend 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/student-assessment-results/staar-performance-standards River Bend tracks each child's growth throughout the year via local assessments (mentioned above) and students are encouraged to track their own learning growth.
Ways to request regular meetings with the school	Parents and guardians can bring any suggestions, ideas, or concerns to the monthly parent meetings listed above or become a member of a 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 Teacher's Responsibilities: - Teaching classes through interesting and challenging lessons that follow the district's high-quality curriculum and instructional practices to promote student achievement. - Having high expectations and helping every child develop a love of learning. - Communicating regularly with families and students about student progress. - Providing necessary assistance to parents so they can help their child learn at home. - Showing respect for the school, students, staff and families. The Parent/Guardian's Responsibilities:

- Communicating with my child's teacher(s) to find out how he/she is doing by attending conferences, looking at my child's schoolwork, or calling the school.
- Spending the time each day with my child reading, writing, listening, practicing math or just talking.
- Participating in school activities such as school decision making, volunteering and/or attending parent-teacher conferences.
- Seeing that my child attends school regularly, is rested and on time.
- Showing respect for the school, staff, students and families.
- Reading school newsletters

The Student's Responsibilities:

- Coming to school every day ready to learn and work hard.
- Reading with my teacher and/or parent(s) on a regular basis.
- Respecting the school, classmates, staff and families.
- Working hard to do my best in class and complete my homework.
- Discussing with my parent(s) the events of my school day.
- Respecting and obeying all adults in school and following the school rules.

If you require assistance translating this document, please call 979-694-5841 or send an email to hsherman@csisd.org

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 River Bend PFE Committee signature page on file.

Persons wishing to provide comments/feedback regarding the River Bend Parent and Family Engagement Plan should contact: Heather Sherman at 979-694-5841 or hsherman@csisd.org

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