



Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2026-2027 Parent & Family Engagement (PFE) Program

What is it?

Durkee Elementary believes that strong partnerships between home and school contribute to improved academic achievement and positive student outcomes. We are committed to building strong partnerships with families to support student achievement and school success. As a participant in the Title I, Part A program, our school receives additional resources to support student achievement and family engagement. Through this program, we work in partnership with families and the community while meeting the requirements established by the Texas Education Agency and the U.S. Department of Education.

Funding

Durkee Elementary receives Title I, Part A funds to support programs and activities that improve student achievement and strengthen family engagement. In accordance with federal requirements, the school will involve parents and families in decisions regarding the use of Parent and Family Engagement funds and will provide opportunities for input on activities, programs, and resources that support student success.

Review

Durkee Elementary will annually review and evaluate the effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy with input from parents, families, staff, and community members. Feedback gathered through surveys, meetings, and other engagement opportunities will be used to identify barriers to participation and improve family engagement practices. The policy will be revised as needed to better support student achievement and strengthen partnerships between home and school. All use of funding and activities can be reviewed by the Texas Education Agency upon request to ensure they meet the need of the PFE program.

Family Meetings

Durkee Elementary will provide opportunities for families to participate in meetings and activities that support student success and encourage meaningful engagement. Parent meetings offer a time in which the school can communicate necessary information. Different meeting times will be offered for convenience. Information about these meetings will be communicated in a timely manner and in a language families can understand.



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	The Annual Title I meeting will take place on the following dates and times: • Thursday, August 6th at 2:30 PM • Thursday, September 10th at 4:30 PM The information is the same for both coordinating meetings. Different meeting times are offered for family convenience.
How to Be Involved	Durkee Elementary encourages all families to take an active role in their child's education. Families can become involved by attending school events and meetings, participating in parent-teacher conferences, joining the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), volunteering when opportunities are available, communicating regularly with teachers, monitoring student progress, and supporting learning at home. Family involvement plays an important role in promoting student achievement and school success.
Family Trainings/Activities	Durkee Elementary is committed to providing families with opportunities to learn, engage, and support student success. Throughout the school year, families are encouraged to participate in trainings and activities designed to strengthen home-school partnerships and support learning at home. The schedule and locations listed below are subject to change. Any updates will be communicated through ParentSquare, email, flyers, social media, and the school website to ensure families receive timely information.



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Welcome Back, Durkee Dolphins! Meet the Teacher Night

- Date and Time : Thursday, August 6th from 2:30 PM - 4:15 PM
- Location: Durkee ES Cafeteria and Classrooms

Open House

- Date and Time : Thursday, September 10th from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
- Location: Durkee ES Cafeteria and Classrooms

Fall Festival

- Date and Time : Friday, October 23rd from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- Location: Durkee ES Cafeteria and Classrooms

National Parent Involvement Day

- Date and Time : Thursday, November 19th from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- Location: Durkee ES Cafeteria

Family Reading Night

- Date and Time : Thursday, December 17th from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
- Location: Durkee ES Cafeteria and Classrooms

Coffee with the Principal

- Date and Time : Monday, September 14th at 9:00 AM
- Date and Time : Monday, October 12th at 9:00 AM
- Date and Time : Monday, November 9th at 9:00 AM
- Location: Durkee ES Cafeteria

Additional trainings and family engagement events planned for January through May will be communicated to families as soon as details are finalized. Information will be shared through ParentSquare, email, flyers, social media, and the school website.



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Curriculum	Durkee Elementary uses Houston ISD's New Education System (NES) curriculum to provide students with high-quality, standards-aligned instruction in all content areas. The curriculum is designed to ensure students receive rigorous learning experiences that support academic growth and achievement. In addition to classroom instruction, students utilize digital learning platforms such as Zearn to strengthen math skills and Amira to support reading development and fluency.
Forms of Academic Assessments	Durkee Elementary uses a variety of assessments to monitor student progress and guide instruction throughout the school year. These assessments include classroom Demonstrations of Learning (DOLs), District Summative Assessments (DSAs), NWEA assessments, DIBELS/Lectura assessments, and ROAR assessments. Students in eligible grade levels also participate in the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR). Assessment results are used to identify student strengths, address learning needs, and support academic growth and achievement.
Expected Achievement Levels on Academic Assessments	Durkee Elementary is committed to ensuring all students demonstrate academic growth and achieve grade-level proficiency. Students are expected to make progress toward meeting or exceeding grade-level expectations on academic assessments. Durkee Elementary monitors and tracks each student's growth throughout the school year using a variety of local and state assessments. Assessment data is used to monitor progress, identify areas of need, provide targeted support and interventions, and celebrate student achievement throughout the year.
Ways to Request Regular Meetings	Durkee Elementary encourages parents and guardians to share suggestions, ideas, questions, and concerns during parent meetings and family engagement events throughout the school year. Parents and guardians may also request meetings regarding their child's academic progress, behavior, attendance, or other school-related concerns. Families may request a meeting with their child's teacher or school staff through ParentSquare, email, phone, or by contacting the school office. Every effort will be made to schedule meetings at a convenient time.



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School-Parent Compact

The School's Responsibility	The Guardian's Responsibility	The Student's Responsibility	On-Going Communication
• Provide engaging and rigorous instruction aligned to state standards. • Set high expectations for all students. • Monitor student progress and provide timely feedback. • Foster a safe, respectful, and positive classroom environment.	• Ensure child attends school regularly and arrives on time. • Support positive behavior and a positive attitude toward learning. • Participate in school events and family engagement activities.	• Come to school every day ready to learn. • Follow school and classroom rules. • Complete all of my learning activities. • Ask for help when needed. • Show respect for myself, others, and my school.	• Parent-Teacher Conferences • Monthly parent meetings, trainings, and activities offered by Durkee. • Progress Reports and Report Cards • ParentSquare notifications and messages • Staff phone calls and emails • Flyers • School Website and Social Media



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If you need assistance translating this document, please refer to the Spanish-language version provided by Durkee Elementary.

Si necesita ayuda para comprender este documento, consulte la versión en español proporcionada por la Primaria Durkee.