



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT **HANDBOOK** 2026-2027

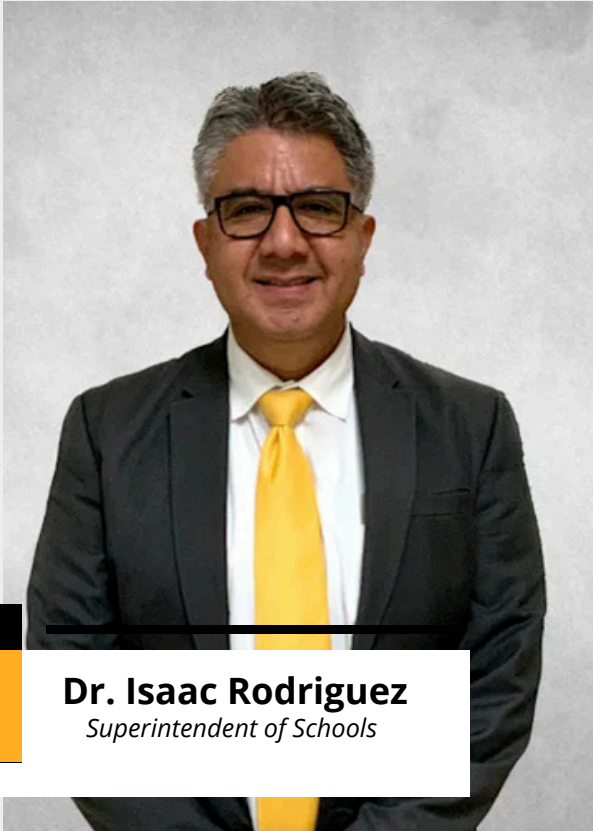
**SANTA ROSA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
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**BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS FOR STUDENT
SUCCESS**



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Welcome Letter



Dr. Isaac Rodriguez
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Dear Santa Rosa ISD Families,

Welcome to Santa Rosa ISD! We are happy to have you as part of our school community.

Families play an important role in student success. When parents and schools work together, students feel supported, encouraged, and ready to learn. This handbook will help you learn about ways to be involved through **Title I, Part A, &**

Community Partnerships Grants.

It includes important information about opportunities, expectations, policies, and resources for families.

Santa Rosa ISD, in partnership with parents, families, educators, and community stakeholders, jointly develops and annually reviews this Family and Community Engagement Policy in accordance with ESSA Section 1116 to support student academic success.

We know every family is different, and we value any time, support, or ideas you are able to share. Your involvement makes a difference. You are always welcome here. Your voice matters, and your support helps our students grow.

Thank you for helping us build strong partnerships between home, school, and community.

Sincerely,

Santa Rosa Independent School District



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Program Overview

TITLE I

Title I, Part A provides resources to help all students meet challenging academic standards, with a strong emphasis on family engagement and student achievement.

Under ESSA Section 1116, Santa Rosa ISD is committed to partnering with families through meaningful communication, family engagement opportunities, parent input, and ongoing support for student success.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Community Partnership Grants support expanded family involvement, strengthen community connections, and provide holistic support for student success.



Vision, Mission & Goals



Vision



Santa Rosa ISD envisions a vibrant educational community where families, educators, and community partners work collaboratively to empower every student to succeed academically and become leaders who positively impact the world.

Mission



To actively engage families as equal partners through Title I and Community Partnerships to improve student outcomes, strengthen school-home connections, and foster a supportive learning environment.

Goals



- Enhance student learning and achievement
- Strengthen school-home and community partnerships
- Promote active family engagement and volunteering
- Build a supportive, inclusive school community

Benefits and Impact of Family Engagement & Volunteering



Participating in family engagement and volunteering provides significant benefits:

- Enhanced Student Support — Additional academic help, mentoring, and enrichment opportunities.
- Stronger School-Home Partnerships — Better communication and shared responsibility for student success.
- Increased Resources — Diverse skills from families enrich school events, programs, and learning.
- Positive Role Models — Families demonstrate the value of education, community involvement, and lifelong learning.

Research shows that consistent family involvement leads to improved grades, attendance, behavior, and higher student motivation.

Family Engagement & Volunteer Opportunities

We offer flexible opportunities to fit your schedule:

- Annual Title I Meeting
- Campus and District Family Nights (Literacy, Math, STEM, Cultural)
- Parent Workshops and Trainings
- Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
- District and Campus Improvement Committees
- Annual Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact Review
- Community Resource Events
- Surveys and input opportunities



We strongly encourage families to attend at least two (2) family engagement events per semester.

Families are also encouraged to share their ideas and feedback through committees, surveys, and policy review opportunities.

ACE Afterschool Program Family Engagement

The ACE Program strongly values family involvement.

- Mandatory Parent Orientation at each campus
- Workshops, student showcases, college/career nights, and family fun events
- Opportunities to join the ACE Advisory Committee
- Minimum recommendation: Two (2) family events per semester



Expectations and Guidelines

Code of Conduct

- Treat everyone with respect, kindness, and inclusivity
- Follow school policies and Student Code of Conduct
- Support (but do not replace) teachers and staff
- Maintain professionalism and positive behavior

Confidentiality

Respect and protect all student, family, and staff information. Do not discuss or share confidential details.

Professionalism

- Dress appropriately
- Be punctual and communicate absences in advance
- Cell phones on silent/vibrate
- No administering discipline or physical contact with students

Volunteer Should Not

- Correct or discipline students
- Contact students outside school
- Interrupt classes without permission

TITLE I REQUIREMENTS & PARENT RIGHTS

Santa Rosa ISD receives Title I, Part A funds. Under ESSA Section 1116, in partnership with families, we commit to:

- Jointly developing and annually reviewing this Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact with meaningful parent input.
- Providing timely information about Title I programs, student progress, and school performance in understandable formats and languages.
- Holding an Annual Title I Meeting and offering flexible meeting times with translation services.
- Building the capacity of families and educators through training, resources, and ongoing support.
- Involving parents in program planning, evaluation, and decision-making.
- Maintaining regular two-way communication between home and school.
- Identifying and reducing barriers that may limit family participation.
- Providing opportunities for families to serve on advisory councils, committees, and leadership groups.
- Coordinating family engagement activities with community partners and district programs to support student success.
- Providing accommodations and accessibility supports for families as needed.

Parent Rights

- Be involved in your child's education and Title I services.
- Receive regular updates on programs and your child's progress.
- Participate in decisions about Title I programs.
- Request meetings with staff.
- Review and provide input on the Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact.
- Receive information in a language and format they can understand.
- Participate in annual evaluations and provide feedback to improve family engagement programs.

Annual Evaluation & Continuous Improvement

Each year Santa Rosa ISD will:

- Collect family feedback through surveys and meetings.
- Review Family Engagement activities and outcomes.
- Identify barriers to participation.
- Use feedback to improve future programs and services.
- Share results with stakeholders.

Training, Support & Communication

Parent Capacity Building

Santa Rosa ISD provides opportunities for families to learn about:

- State academic standards and assessments
- Monitoring student progress and achievement
- Literacy, math, and learning strategies at home
- Educational technology and digital resources
- College, career, and postsecondary readiness

Staff Capacity Building

Santa Rosa ISD provides professional learning opportunities for staff focused on:

- Effective family engagement practices
- Building positive school-home partnerships
- Culturally responsive communication
- Working collaboratively with families as equal partners

Training & Support

- Orientation and role-specific training
- Cultural sensitivity and child protection training
- Ongoing support from campus liaisons and coordinators

Communication

- Communication via email, newsletters, Remind, social media, and meetings
- Open-door policy for questions, concerns, or feedback
- Translation and interpretation services available upon request

Student Safety and Welfare



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- Follow all district safety and emergency procedures
 - Report any concerns about student safety immediately
 - Maintain strict confidentiality
 - Volunteers must sign in/out and wear identification badges
 - Zero Tolerance for alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons, or violence.

Research shows that consistent family involvement leads to improved grades, attendance, behavior, and higher student motivation.

Recognition and Appreciation

- We value your contributions and celebrate your efforts through:
- Volunteer Appreciation Events
- Annual Recognition Ceremonies
- Public acknowledgments and thank-yous

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Family Engagement

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____ (Student Name), acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the information in this Family Engagement Handbook, including Title I requirements and expectations for family involvement and volunteering.

I agree to support my child's education and participate in a minimum of two (2) family engagement events per semester to the best of my ability.

Student Grade: _____ Campus: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please return this form to our Family Engagement Liaison.

