Washington Elementary
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2026-2027 School Year

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What is it?	Washington Elementary is committed to our mission ***The mission at Washington Elementary is to provide a nurturing, safe, and diverse learning environment to create a tribe of scholars who OWN their learning.*** ***The vision at Washington Elementary is to use data driven instruction and effective teaching strategies to promote student achievement.*** Our campus is dedicated to providing opportunities for parents and staff to collaborate. We aim to: ● Establish and pursue clear academic and personal growth goals. ● Work collaboratively to solve challenges. ● Celebrate successes and progress, no matter how small. ● Build a positive attitude toward learning. Together, we are building a community that values education, nurtures growth, and prepares all students for success in school and life. Washington Elementary supports these efforts by participating in the Title I, Part A School-Wide Program. This program provides funding for low socioeconomic schools. In return, we promise to meet the expectations laid out by the Texas Education Agency and the United States Department of Education.

Expectations & Objectives:	Washington Elementary believes that parents and families are a child's first and most influential teacher. Therefore, a mutually beneficial relationship between school and home is in the best interest of every child. The expectation of the Parent and Family Engagement Program is to foster communication and decision-making with parents about student performance and to collaboratively support learning. To help accomplish this, Washington Elementary will provide increased opportunities for Washington Elementary administration, teachers, parents and community members to become full partners in the education of its students. Washington Elementary believes that a successful education system is directly related to a

	strong, dedicated, and supportive family and that parental involvement in the district and its schools is essential for maximum education achievement of each and every student. Our objective is: ● To provide monthly opportunities for parents to engage in on-campus events Parents and families at Washington Elementary will be provided the following information in accordance with Section 1116 of ESSA: ● Annual Title I Meeting at the beginning of each school year ● A description and explanation of the school's curriculum ● A description and explanation of the different academic assessments used and what the achievement levels mean ● Information on how to be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of parent and family engagement programs and policy, including the Home-School Compact ● Information on how to be involved in other decision-making processes on Washington Elementary ● Ways to request regular meetings ● Home-School Compacts will be presented at parent conferences in October ● Information on other family activities and meetings to build relationships and capacity ● How to receive translation services if needed
Funding:	Title I, Part A funds will be allocated to each Washington Elementary 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, including those provided through the ESSA Consolidated Grants such as Title I, Part A, can be reviewed by the Texas Education Agency upon request to ensure they meet the needs of the Parent and Family Engagement Program.

Evaluation:	Each January, Washington Elementary will distribute Title I, Part A Parent Surveys to obtain feedback from parents on the content and effectiveness of our Parent & Family Engagement Policy and the Home-School Compact. Responses will be utilized during Home-School Compact and PFE meetings to evaluate and revise both documents for the following school year.
How to be involved at your school:	Washington Elementary encourages all parents and families to reach out to us to learn more about how they can be more involved in their child's education. Here are some ways parents and families can be involved at Washington Elementary:

	● Sign up for Class Dojo ● Sign up for Parent Portal ● Attend in monthly campus events ● Participate in parent/teacher conferences ● Volunteer for classroom and school events. For more information on how to get involved at Washington Elementary please call 432.264.4126.
Washington Elementary will:	● Involve parents in the joint development/revision of the school's parent and family engagement policy in accordance with ESSA 1116 by actively recruiting parents and families to participate in the process through various means. ● Hold development/revision meetings at flexible days and times to maximize parent and family involvement in the process. ● Obtain input from parents and families through various means including surveys and questionnaires. ● Include parents in the process of revising/developing the district improvement plan which begins with a collaborative comprehensive needs assessment. ● Distrib ute the district's Parent and Family Engagement Policy to parents, families and the community Posting it on the by: o district's website and keeping it up to date. o Distributing printed copies to community members and organizations. o Providing printed copies to families, upon request. o Having available printed copies and QR codes to the electronic version at all the school's annual Title I meetings. ● Per request, provide the qualifications of a child's teacher.

	● Evaluate the school's Parent and Family Engagement program and its policy throughout the year and revise it as needed. ● Provide training to every employee on the most effective parent and family engagement strategies. ● Communicate parent and family involvement opportunities through various means including the school's website, social media, automated messaging and print. ● Provide informational meetings at flexible times on a variety of school-related topics such as: attendance, technology, accountability, etc. ● Provide translation services as requested.
Important Events & Dates:	Washington Elementary encourages our parents and families to come learn new knowledge and skills that help them support their child's education. The schedule and locations listed below are subject to change. Any change, including additional events will be communicated via the call out systems, social media, and website.

	● August: Meet the Teacher ● September: Fall Into Reading Event ● October: Parent/Teacher Conferences ● February: STAAR Info Night ● January: Open House Night ● March: STEAM Night
Forms of Academic Assessment:	Washington Elementary uses a variety of methods to monitor the academic progress of our students: ● Third and Fourth graders at Washington Elementary take the Reading and Math STAAR tests. The State Performance Standards can be found on the Texas Education Agency Website at: https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/student-assessment-results/staar-performance-standards ● Formative Assessments: DAQ's, 10QQ's, Checkpoints, Benchmarks, Friday Five, etc.
Ways to Request Regular Meetings:	Washington Elementary is open to any suggestions, ideas or concerns from our parents as we want our school to be a place where everyone feels welcomed. Parent meetings can be requested by calling 432.264.4126.

Family Trainings/Activities to Build Capacity:	At Washington Elementary we want to build strong relationships with our families while building capacity to support the learning of our students. To do this, we are offering the following training and learning opportunities for our families. Any changes will be communicated via FinalSite call out system, social media, fliers home with your child, on our school website and on our marquee. {The following provides a list of the ESSA required parent and family engagement activities—how you title them is up to you, so feel free to reword/rephrase. You may add other activities to "build capacity" if you'd like.} ● Registration o July/August ● Meet the Teacher Night o August ● Title I Meeting September o Date/Time of 1st Meeting same as Fall into Reading Night o Date/Time of 2nd Meeting have one during day for varied times ● PFE Policy Explanation o Date/Time of 1st Meeting Meet the Teacher o Date/Time of 2nd Meeting Fall into Reading ● Curriculum and State Assessment Requirements (and how to monitor your child's progress) o Fall Meeting Meeting
	● Spring Math/Science Night o Date/Time ● Title I, Part A Parent Involvement Surveys will open in January ● Home School Compact Revisions o Spring Meeting 1 o Date/Time of 2nd Meeting ● Parent and Family Engagement Policy Revisions o Date/Time of 1st Meeting o Date/Time of 2nd Meeting ●

Family Activities to Build Relationships:	At Washington Elementary we want all of our families to feel welcomed as part of our school family. To do this, we are offering the following fun activities for our families. Any changes will be communicated via Blackboard call out system, social media, fliers home with your child, on our school website and on our marquee. ● Book Fair, Trunk the Halls ● November: Thanksgiving Lunch, Turkey Trot? ● December: Christmas Parties ● March: Book Fair ● April: STAAR Family Night (celebrate it's over) ● May: Field Day, End of Year Awards, EOY Field Trip