Big Spring ISD
Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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What is it?	A Title I, Part A Parent and Family Engagement program is a set of activities and policies that help parents and families take an active role in their child's education. It is part of the federal Title I program, which provides extra funding to schools with a high percentage of students from low-income families to support student learning. The main goal of Parent and Family Engagement is to: ● Encourage parents to be involved in their child's learning at school and at home. ● Create strong partnerships between families and schools. ● Give parents information, training, and resources to support their child's academic success. ● Include parents in planning, reviewing, and improving school programs and policies. In short, it's about working together—families, schools, and communities—to help every student succeed. Big Spring ISD is committed to helping every student succeed. Our mission is to build respect and pride by working together—students, staff, and families—to provide a strong, high-quality education. We value our partnership with parents and families and believe that working together creates the best learning environment for our students. When families are involved, students are more successful and feel supported at school and at home. Big Spring ISD participates in the Title I, Part A Schoolwide Program, which provides extra funding to support our students and families. We are committed to meeting all state and federal program requirements.
BSISD PFE Goals:	Big Spring ISD believes that parents and families are a child's first and most important teachers. When schools and families work together, students benefit the most. The goal of the Parent and Family Engagement Program is to encourage open communication and shared decision-making about student learning and progress. To support this goal, Big Spring ISD provides opportunities for administrators, teachers, parents, and community members to work together as partners in education. We believe students are most successful when families are involved, supportive, and engaged in their child's education. Our goals include: ● Support student success by involving families in learning, attendance, and positive behavior. ● Encourage open communication between schools and families. ● Provide resources, training, and information to help families support their children. ● Include parents as partners in planning, decision-making, and school activities. ● Ensure all families have opportunities to be involved, regardless of background. ● Build strong partnerships with schools, programs, and community organizations to support students and families. ● Connect family engagement with programs like Preschool, Special Education, Gifted Education, Career and Technology, Bilingual/ESL, Family Literacy and English Language classes.

Use of Title I, Part A Funds:	Title I is a federal program that helps make sure all students have the same opportunity to receive a high-quality education. It focuses on helping students who may need extra academic support. Big Spring ISD uses the Title I, Part A schoolwide program on all campuses. This means Title I funds are used to improve learning for all students, with extra support for those who need it most. To support families, 1% of Title I funds are set aside for parent and family engagement activities. These activities are planned with input from parents to ensure they meet family needs. When needed and if other funding is not available, Big Spring ISD may use Title I funds to provide literacy training and resources to help parents support their child's learning at home. Big Spring ISD does not use Title I, Part A funds to support our Early Childhood programs. However, the district works closely with community early childhood providers, such as Head Start, to coordinate support services and transition activities. These partnerships help young children and their families have a smooth and successful transition into kindergarten.
Review of Use of Funding:	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. Big Spring ISD parents and community can access information on how Title I, Part A funds are utilized on the district's website and at our annual ESSA Consolidated Grant Application Public Meeting each June.
Development and Evaluation:	Early in the second semester, Big Spring ISD shares a Title I Parent Survey to gather parent feedback on the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Parent responses are reviewed during PFE evaluation meetings and used to improve the policy for the next school year. Parents from all district schools are invited to participate.
Coordination and Supports	Each Big Spring ISD campus creates its own Parent and Family Engagement Policy based on federal guidelines. Big Spring ISD will support all participating schools by providing help, guidance, and resources to strengthen parent and family involvement. The district will work with campuses to plan and carry out parent involvement activities that help build parents' ability to support their child's academic success and improve student achievement and school performance. Big Spring ISD will assist schools through staff training, shared materials, and ongoing support to encourage meaningful family participation. Big Spring ISD will also communicate regularly with families to keep them informed and involved. Communication will include campus and district social media pages, school and district websites, newsletters, and other methods that work best for each campus, such as automated phone calls, text messages, ClassDojo, and other helpful tools. These efforts will help ensure parents have the information and support they need to help their children succeed. Big Spring ISD encourages all parents and families to reach out to their child's school to learn more about how they can be more involved in their child's education. At the district level, Big Spring ISD will provide the following information on: ● Parent Advisory Committees to provide input on each of the following: o Parent and Family Engagement Policy o Collaborative Comprehensive Needs Assessment o District Improvement Plan ● ESSA Consolidated Grant Application ● How to receive translation services if needed.

	Big Spring ISD will provide reasonable support to help parents and families take part in Parent and Family Engagement activities. Supports may include translation services, childcare when possible, family friendly events, flexible meeting times, and different ways to participate such as in-person or virtual options. For more information on how to be involved with your child's education or requests for supports you may need, please contact your child's school or Dr. Stacie Del Angel, Director of State & Federal Programs. 432-264-3633 / sdelangel@bsisd.esc18.net
Big Spring ISD will:	● Involve parents in creating, reviewing, and improving the district's Parent and Family Engagement Policy. ● Review the Parent and Family engagement program each year and make changes as needed. ● Offer meetings at flexible times to encourage parent participation. ● Gather parent input through surveys and questionnaires. ● Include parents in planning for district improvement. ● Share the Parent and Family Engagement Policy through the district website, printed copies and Title I meetings. ● Provide information about teacher qualifications upon request. ● Train staff in the value of contribution of parents/families and effective ways to work with families ● Share parent involvement opportunities through the website, social media, messages, and print. ● Offer informational meetings on important district topics at flexible times. ● Translation services are available when needed. Families may request translated Title I, Part A and Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) documents by calling (432) 264-3633, submitting a request, or visiting the Big Spring ISD Administration Building located at 708 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, TX 79720.
Important Events & Dates:	Big Spring ISD welcomes parents and families to visit both campus and district wide activities and meetings. Below are some scheduled events. All changes to the schedule and announcement of upcoming events, activities, and meetings will be communicated via Facebook, District Website, and automated messages. Please visit https://www.bsisd.esc18.net/calendar to view BSISD's academic calendar.
	July-August ● Registration at all campuses. **August** ● Back to School ● Meet the Teacher Events (excluding high school) ● Title I Meetings at each campus **September** ● District Title I Meetings (am & pm times) o Use of Funds o Curriculum o Assessments & Monitoring Progress ● Meet the Teacher for High School **October** ● Information Meetings o Special Programs overview: ESL/Bilingual, SPED, GT, 504
	January ● Information Meetings o Title I Survey **February** ● Information Meetings o Parent & Family Engagement Policy evaluation meetings **March - April** ● District CCNA meetings **April – May** ● STAAR Testing **May**

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How to Volunteer

November

Information Meetings

Attendance Requirements

December

EOC retests (high school only)

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District Improvement Plan Meetings
Graduation

June

ESSA public meetings
Summer School

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Other BSISD Webpages

Title I: Parent & Family Information: www.bsisd.esc18.net/parents-students/title-i-parent-family-information
Federal and Special Programs: www.bsisd.esc18.net/departments/federal-special-programs
Title III, Part A : Emergent Bilingual Webpage: www.bsisd.esc18.net/departments/esl-bilingual-education/parent-student-resources-recursos-para-padres-y-estudiantes
Parent Institute Newsletters - Campus specific newsletters available on each school’s website (Under Parents & Students) and posted to social media. New edition the first of each month.

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