McGowen Elementary

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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What is it?	McGowen Elementary's Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Policy describes how the school supports families in their children's academic success. Parents and families are important partners in the school community. Houston ISD schools build partnerships with families to improve student academic outcomes.
Funding	Title I, Part A provides federal funding for high-quality instruction and improved achievement. Supports include additional staff, tutoring, instructional supplies, Chromebooks, headphones, and family engagement activities. Funding details are in the Campus Improvement Plan on the campus website.
Review	Families may share feedback through surveys, campus or district committees, and meetings with staff. An Annual Parent and Family Engagement Evaluation Meeting provides an opportunity to review family engagement. A specific review date is not provided in the source policy.
Family Meetings	Opportunities include the annual Title I, Part A parent meeting; parent-teacher conferences; attendance and student progress meetings; STAAR information meetings; academic program meetings; district program information meetings; and the annual PFE evaluation meeting.
How to Be Involved	Participate in campus or district committees, complete feedback surveys, meet with campus administration, teachers and staff, and become a campus volunteer. Attend school events and parent meetings, and stay in regular contact with your child's teacher.

Family Trainings/Activities	Building families' capacity to participate McGowen Elementary will help parents understand state testing standards and various assessments. The school will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children at home, share information in an understandable format and in families' preferred language, and provide information to parents who cannot attend. Different types and times of parent meetings and learning sessions will be offered. Learning and participation opportunities Families may participate in Title I annual parent meetings, parent-teacher conferences, attendance and student progress meetings, STAAR testing information meetings, academic program information meetings, district program information meetings, and the annual PFE evaluation meeting. Specific dates and training topics are not listed in the source policy. Supporting learning at home Use the Skyward Parent Portal; keep in regular contact with your child's teacher; praise effort and hard work; use setbacks as opportunities to learn and try again; invite your child to teach you what they are learning; read with your child every day; and attend school events and parent meetings. Access and communication Transportation and/or childcare may be provided as needed when identified in the comprehensive needs assessment and addressed in the Campus Improvement Plan or PFE policy. The school will send timely program and event information, provide frequent student progress reports, and maintain regular two-way communication between home and school.

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Curriculum	The compact calls for students to meet state standards and make academic progress. Specific curriculum names and descriptions are not provided in the source policy.
Forms of Academic Assessments	McGowen will help families understand state testing standards and various assessments, offer STAAR information meetings, and provide frequent progress reports. Other assessment names and schedules are not specified in the source policy.
Expected Achievement Levels on Academic Assessments	The goal is to meet state standards and demonstrate academic progress for all students. Specific achievement levels, score ranges, and campus targets are not provided in the source policy.
Ways to Request Regular Meetings	Parents may request meetings with teachers and/or campus administration. Contact your child's teacher or the school to arrange a meeting. The school is committed to regular two-way communication between home and school.
School-Parent Compact **See the separate compact for details**	The School-Family-Student Compact is a separate agreement among the school, families, and students. Partners work together to meet state standards and demonstrate academic progress for all students. The PFE policy supports this partnership through family training and materials, information about assessments, frequent progress reports, meetings upon request, and regular two-way communication. Families support learning by using the Skyward Parent Portal, maintaining contact with teachers, praising effort, helping children learn from setbacks, reading together daily, and attending school events and meetings. Refer to the separate School-Family-Student Compact for its full commitments. The supplied PFE policy does not include the compact's complete text.