Garcia Elementary School

2026-2027 Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Program Policy

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Overview & Policy Framework

Section	Policy Details
What is it?	Garcia Elementary School strongly believes that a child's success depends on a strong, committed partnership between the school and home. The School-Parent Compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement and how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve high academic standards.
Funding	As a Title I campus, Garcia Elementary receives federal Title I, Part A funding in order to meet the needs of every child. These funds are used to pay for instructional programs, staff development, as well as to enhance our parent and family engagement initiatives.
Review	The School-Parent Compact is jointly developed and revised every year with active participation and input from parents, students, and school staff.
Family Meetings	Parents are encouraged to attend Title I meetings and Coffee with the Principal meetings to stay informed, receive updates, and provide feedback on school programs and student progress.
How to Be Involved	● Participate in PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) and register as a school volunteer through VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools). ● Attend scheduled parent-teacher conferences and family meetings. ● Communicate regularly with school staff through ParentSquare, phone calls

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	(713-696-2900), and email.

Family Trainings & Activities (2026–2027 Schedule)

Date	Event / Training Title
September 10, 2026	Positive Parenting Strategies Workshop
September 24, 2026	Attendance Matters Family Training
October 8, 2026	Bullying Prevention & Digital Citizenship Night
October 29, 2026	Family Literacy & Reading Night
November 12, 2026	Winter Family Engagement Night
January 21, 2027	Goal Setting for Student Success
February 11, 2027	Family Wellness & Mental Health Awareness Night
February 25, 2027	Parent University: Helping Students Build Resilience
March 11, 2027	STAAR Success Strategies for Families
March 25, 2027	Career Day Family Participation Event
April 8, 2027	Internet Safety & Healthy Technology Use Workshop
April 22, 2027	Family Multicultural Celebration Night
May 6, 2027	Transition to Middle School Parent Meeting Grade 5 Families

Curriculum, Assessments & Communication

Topic	Details
Curriculum	Garcia Elementary School provides a high-quality curriculum aligned with Houston ISD and Texas state academic standards, supported by differentiated instruction, advanced technology, interventionists, and enriched academic programs.
Forms of Academic Assessments	• **Progress Reports:** Sent home every 3 weeks. • **Report Cards:** Sent home every 6 weeks. • **HISD Parent Portal:** Continuous access to grades and academic progress.
Expected Achievement Levels	Students are expected to meet and exceed grade-level proficiency standards established by Houston ISD and the state of Texas. Garcia Gators share the responsibility to improve and surpass their academic achievement each year.
Ways to Request Regular Meetings	Parents can request a teacher-parent conference at any time by calling the main office to schedule an appointment or by directly messaging the teacher through ParentSquare or email.

School-Parent Compact Shared Responsibilities

Garcia Elementary School Responsibilities

The administration, faculty, and staff accept responsibility for providing high-quality instruction to ensure that each student meets the academic goals of Houston ISD and the state of Texas. We are committed to frequent and ongoing communication with parents through our programs, meetings, conferences, and newsletters.

We provide:

- High-quality curriculum, resources, and instruction
- Differentiated instruction
- After-school tutorials
- Interventionists
- Qualified and certified teachers
- Advanced technology
- Academic and enrichment programs during and after school
- PTO and VIPS opportunities for parental involvement

Parent Responsibilities

We accept the responsibility for emphasizing the importance of education and ensuring our child's daily attendance and homework completion. We will also continue to encourage reading at home and stay aware of our child's activities.

Parents agree to support their child's education in the following ways:

- Ensure 100% attendance for my student.
- Attend Title I meetings and Coffee with the Principal meetings to stay informed.
- Ensure my student completes all assignments, homework, and projects.
- Communicate with teacher(s) via ParentSquare and phone calls.
- Register to be a school volunteer (VIPS).
- Ensure my child gets a good night's sleep and arrives at school on time.

Student Responsibilities

Garcia Elementary School students accept the responsibility for completing all assignments, reading at least 30 minutes a day, and giving parents/guardians all notices and information received.

Students agree to:

- Actively participate in all classes and do their best every day.
- Attend any and all tutorials assigned.
- Do their very best when completing assessments, assignments, and projects.