



WHS Parental & Family Engagement Policy ESSA Section 116 2021-2022

Weslaco High School believes that student achievement is directly linked to parental engagement, and thus it is our goal to develop and strengthen the relationship between home and school through different avenues such as in person or online learning and virtual meetings. It is the policy of the school to plan and implement, with meaningful participation of parents, administrators, teachers, programs, activities, and procedures for the engagement of parents in its Title I programs, thus complying with the *ESSA/Act*. The following expectations for parent engagement will be expected:

- WHS will convene an annual Title 1 Meeting, at a convenient time, to explain to parents the program, its requirements, and their right to be involved.
- Offer a flexible number of meetings such as morning and evening, or home visits to facilitate parental engagement.
- Engage parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the parent engagement programs, including the school parental engagement policy which is updated and distributed on a yearly basis in both English, Spanish and posted on our school website. Engage parents in the development of the school wide program plan, unless there is a program already in place.
- Provide parents with timely information about Title I programs; school performance profiles as required by law and their child's individual student assessment results along with an interpretation of the results.
- Provide parents with a system to make inquiries, suggestions and concerns.
- Address the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an on-going basis through the use of annual parent-teacher conferences, progress reports and opportunities to volunteer.
- Give parents **the compact**, which outline how parents, staff and students will share the responsibility for improving student achievement.
- Ensure effective involvement and maintain a partnership among the school, parents, and community by:
- Providing a Parent Resource Center for parent volunteers.
- Offering a Parent Ambassador Club for regular parent volunteers.
- With a partnership of parents, staff and students we are able to provide a positive learning environment for all students.
- Providing assistance to help them understand the national goals, state content and student performance standards, assessments and information related to the education of their children.
- Provide material, training and assisting parents in working with their children at home.