Weslaco Independent School District
Title 1 Part A, Parent and Family Engagement District Policy
2019-2020

District Parent and Family Engagement Mission Statement
The mission of the Weslaco Independent School District (WISD) parent and family engagement program is to synergize with parents, school personnel and community members to actively engage in school planning and to foster exceptional community service, open-communication, and positive collaboration for student success.

District Parent and Family Engagement Vision Statement
The vision of the parent and family engagement program is to ensure that all students have equal access to a quality education in a safe environment that enables them to strive to their fullest potential. In addition, WISD is committed to collaborating with the community to meet the needs of students and families. We seek to provide quality services that impact and inspire all parents to become better supporters, decision makers, and advocates for their children.

Statement of Purpose
Weslaco ISD is committed to working together with all parents, families, students the community and other stakeholders to strengthen academic achievement and success. Partnerships with parents, families, and the community are vital. Therefore, Weslaco ISD is committed to the following:

- Include the participation of parents in a regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their children's education at school and at home.
- Parents are full partners in their children's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their children.
- Involve parents of children served under Title I, Part A in decisions about how Title I, Part A funds are dispersed (campus Title 1, Part A meetings.)
- Jointly develop/revise with parents the district parent and family engagement policy and distribute it to parents of participating students and make available the parent and family engagement policy to the community.
- Jointly conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the district parent and family engagement policy.
- Use the findings of the parent and family engagement surveys and evaluations to design strategies for more effective parental engagement, and to revise, if necessary, the district's parental involvement policy.
- If the plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the district will submit parent comments with the plan when developing it.
- Provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in mathematics, language arts and reading.

- Coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities that teach parents how to help their children at home. The school will also develop other activities, through the campus parent centers, that encourage and support parents to become engaged in the educational process of their children.

- Provide assistance to parents in understanding such topics as:
  - Texas academic content standards,
  - Texas student academic achievement standards,
  - Texas and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
  - The requirements of Title I, Part A,
  - How to monitor their children's progress,
  - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.
- Foster parental engagement by providing materials and trainings, such as literacy trainings and the use of technology, as appropriate, to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement.
- Educate district staff with the assistance of parents, on the value and contributions of parents/families, and how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between the parents and the school.
- Provide information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to parents of participating children in a format and language that parents can understand.
- Provide support for parental involvement activities such as:
  - Train parents to help enhance the involvement of other parents.
  - Arrange school meetings at a variety of times or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children.
  - Establish a district parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs.
  - Weslaco ISD will collaborate with community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities.

SCHOOL/PARENT/STUDENT COMPACT:
SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT 1118(d) (Required)

As a component of the district-level parental involvement policy/plan, parental involvement shall assist campuses develop, with parents for all children served under this part, a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. The school-parent compact may be a separate document, but must still be developed in collaboration with parents, students and school staff.

WISD Campuses will provide a high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables all students to meet Texas' student academic achievement standards as follows:

- Hold parent-teacher conferences as it relates to the individual child's academic achievement. Conferences will be held (at least annually) and as needed for student progress.
- Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress at each Title I school.
- Provide parents reasonable access to campus administration, faculty, and staff.
- Provide parents opportunities to volunteer in their children's school.

WISD Parents will support their children's learning in the following ways:

- See that my child is punctual and attends school regularly.
- Support the school in its efforts to maintain proper discipline.
- Establish a time for homework and review it regularly.
- Provide a quiet place for study.
- Read with my child every day.
- Attend school programs.
- Be a volunteer at home or at school.
- Participate with any district/parent groups.

WISD Students will support their academic achievement in the following ways:

- Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need assistance.
- Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time.
- Attend school regularly.
- Give my parents or guardian all notices and information received from my school every day.
- Show up and prepared and on time.

ACCESSIBILITY 1118(f) (Required)

In carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements Weslaco ISD shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including information and school reports in a format and to the extent practical, in a language parents can understand.

ADOPTION (Required)

The Parental Involvement Policy/Plan was revised in May 2019 by the Weslaco ISD Parent and Family Engagement staff and the District Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and will be in effect during the 2019-2020 school year.