

RULE ISD PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY 2024-2025

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Rule ISD is committed to provide a quality education for every student in our district. We feel parent involvement is an essential piece in ensuring that our students are successful in school. We believe that when parents are more involved in the academic process, school becomes more of a priority for their children. The district believes that establishing and maintaining open lines of communication will expand and enhance learning opportunities and create the best learning environment for every child. This year we hope to be able to ***“Reach Beyond Expectations.”*** This expression is not only intended to be utilized within our school, but is something we hope resonates in our community. It is our mission to produce a community of life-long learners. It is our goal to maintain a good line of communication from school to homes and also to provide ample opportunities for parental involvement throughout each school year.

TITLE I

Rule ISD is a Title I, Part A Schoolwide campus. Title I is designed to provide opportunities for children to acquire the knowledge and skills provided in the state content standards (TEKS - Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) and to meet the state performance standards (STAAR/EOC – State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness/End Of Course). A school is selected as a Title I school on the basis of the number of students within its boundaries who are eligible for free or reduced meals.

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring

- (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning
- (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school
- (C) that parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

The Site-Based Decision-Making Committee develops the district Parent and Family Engagement Policy and will review it annually and make revisions as needed. The committee will actively recruit volunteers for the advisory committee through various avenues of publicity. Committee selections will produce a diverse parent population that will include all student groups served in the district. Meetings will be planned at convenient times and locations for all members of the committee.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR TITLE I PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Rule ISD uses Title I funds to provide school-wide services for all students in the district. Rule will hold two meetings annually to review Title I guidelines and services offered throughout the district. Copies of the district's current Parent and Family Engagement Policy are being distributed at the meeting (available in students' native language.) The meeting will be held at a convenient time and location; notice of the meeting will be provided to parents/caregivers through public notices and/or social media. Translators will be available to help with Non-English speaking parents/caregivers. School-Parent Compacts are distributed during Parent-Teacher Conferences. Parents will be encouraged to become involved in revising and updating of the policy as necessary, and parent volunteers will be recruited for the various district and campus appointments.

SCHOOL PARENT COMPACTS

In accordance with Title I regulations, the School-Parent Compacts (available in students' native language) will be reviewed and updated annually. These compacts will provide an outline to enable the school and parent/caregivers to share responsibility for student performance and success. Students, parents, and teachers are encouraged to discuss the contents of and be in agreement with the compact. These compacts will be reviewed annually during parent-teacher conferences.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Rule ISD will provide/support parent involvement activities to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students.

Activities include:

- Annual Title I Meetings (Tues., **Aug. 6** and Tues., **Sept. 24**)
- Meet the Teacher Evening - Tues., **Aug. 6**
- Meet the Bobcats Evening - Tues., **Aug. 6**
- Parent/family events as scheduled on campuses – **Open House**, Sept. 24)
- Parents are invited to participate in Parent-Teacher Conference- elementary grades only, **Nov. 1**
- Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO)- monthly meetings
- Parents are invited to help/participate in various school events
- Parents are invited to serve on various district/campus committees
- Parent surveys (paper and/or online)
- Individual notes/calls home
- School Booster Club meetings/activities

EVALUATION: The Site-Based Decision-Making Committee will review and evaluate all aspects of the Parent and Family Engagement Program. Parent surveys including questions about the effectiveness of the program will be distributed and the results discussed. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy and related activities and opportunities will be revised based upon this annual review.

The District Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be presented annually to the Rule ISD Board of Trustees for yearly review. **A copy of the policy is posted on the school's website and paper copies are available in the principal's office.**

Una copia en español está disponible en la oficina del director.

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