



## **Parent and Family Engagement Policy Aloe Elementary 2023-2024**

Aloe Elementary is dedicated to the philosophy that parent and family partnerships are integral to the success of each student. For this reason, parents are encouraged to be our partners for success.

Parents review and revise the Parent & Family Engagement Policy during the spring Parent Advisory Meeting. Family Survey results are discussed and used to make recommendations for engagement opportunities in the upcoming school year. The Policy is made available in both English and Spanish, then distributed and explained to parents during the fall Title I Meeting. It is also found on the campus website and is in Title I Part A Parent & Family Engagement Binder, housed in the school's front office.

Aloe Elementary holds its annual Title I meeting prior to Open House in September of each school year. In order to maximize parent participation, parents can contact our Instructional Coach to set a later date and time to have the information repeated.

Aloe Elementary holds two parent meetings in the Spring. These are repeated meetings in which to maximize parent participation in the review and revision of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

The school will educate, coordinate, and integrate family engagement opportunities with other federal, state and local programming, and encourage use of the Victoria ISD Connections Center, to support parents in fully participating in their child's education. These events will be flexible to the extent possible through a second opportunity by coordinating with our Instructional Coach or a recorded session (sent out through Thrillshare Alerts, with an opportunity to respond through the campus' "Let's Talk" electronic communication tool).

- *Activities in the Fall typically include Sneak Peek, Open House, student-led parent teacher conferences, PreK-5th Science Night, & PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Literacy Night.*
- *Activities in the Spring typically include 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Math Night, student-lead parent teacher conferences, and transition events for students entering Kindergarten or moving from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.*
- *Many resources can be found on our campus and district website to assist parents in the understanding of State standards, State and local assessments, and how to monitor their child's progress. Aloe Elementary provides many materials and trainings during*

*our family engagement sessions to help parents work with their children to improve their achievement.*

- *The Family Connection Center offers many other parent engagement opportunities, which can be found on the district's parent web page "Parent & Family Engagement" or by calling 361-788-9653.*

At the beginning of the year, a "Save the Date" for the Parent & Family Engagement activities are provided to families.

The campus' Parent and Family Engagement program emerges from needs identified through the Comprehensive Needs Assessment, the Family Survey and the Parent Advisory Meeting. However, families are encouraged to share any other needs with the campus principal or the VISD Connections Coordinator at 361-788-9653 or through the "Let's Talk" Feature on the VISD website. Parents inform the Campus Improvement Plan through participation in a schoolwide family survey, the Title I Fall Meeting, the Parent Advisory Meeting, and the Needs Assessment work.

The Campus Improvement Plan is explained to parents during the Fall Title I Meeting and during any Comprehensive Needs Assessment Meetings. Comments or suggestions can be shared at those times or by contacting the campus principal.

The VISD Connections Coordinator educates teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, other school leaders, and other staff in the value of the contributions of parents, how to communicate with parents and work with parents as equal partners to build strong partnerships. The parent voice may be shared through a variety of ways (in person, through video messaging, through letters, survey results, or Parent Advisory input).