

Spurger ISD

Parent & Family Engagement Policy

Family includes adults and children significant in the child's life who support the early learning and development of the child.

Parent & Family engagement is the mutual responsibility of families, schools, and communities; which builds relationships to support student learning and achievement and to support family wellbeing, family-student relationships and ongoing learning and development of children, families, and educators. Parent & Family engagement is fully integrated in the child's educational experience and supports the whole child. It is culturally and linguistically responsive and is continuous through a child's life.



Components of the SISD Parent & Family Engagement Policy

1. In order to create a foundation for collaboration of mutual partners, the policy will:
 - a. be applicable across all school settings
 - b. foster a collaborative exchange of information
 - c. encourage family participation in decision-making
 - d. support the development of families as leaders and child advocates
 - e. establish ways by which SISD can partner with faith-based and community organizations
 - f. identify shared goals of engagement
 - g. develop or support a parent organization
 - h. provide ongoing services and/or support
2. The policy embraces the individuality and uniqueness of families by:
 - a. incorporating voices of all families across race, cultural background, and socioeconomic status
 - b. making available resources to support learning at home
 - c. working to build family support principles and relationships and acknowledge and respect families
 - d. use a variety of means to welcome and communicate
 - e. helping to identify practices appropriate to age/stage of children
 - f. making goal-oriented home visits
 - g. providing ongoing professional support opportunities available to educators
 - h. inviting family feedback
 - i. identifying support from mental/physical health and other agencies
3. The policy will promote a culture of learning that is child-centered and family driven by:
 - a. promoting the value of education as a pathway to success
 - b. creating a safe and respectful environment for families, students, and staff
 - c. supporting parent/child relationships
 - d. developing staff skills to support families in meeting educational goals
 - e. fostering a learning environment that supports social-emotional learning
 - f. talking with families about children's signals to help strengthen families interpretation and response to children's behavior
 - g. working together to help children overcome behavioral challenges
 - h. equipping families with resources to support their children through the transition to school
 - i. providing opportunities for families to visit the school
 - j. providing families with training in parent leadership, support, and advocacy
 - k. providing parents with developmental expectations
 - l. requiring staff to respond to family members in a timely, respectful, and culturally appropriate manner
 - m. encouraging parents to use positive parenting practices
4. The policy will establish and articulate expectations
5. The policy will provide for evaluation and improvement of family engagement efforts

Organization(s)

- PTO

Events/Activities

- Meet the Teacher
- Teacher/Grade Level Conferences
- Teacher/Grade Level Conferences
- Constitution Day
- Grandparents Day
- Book Fair/Family Night
- PIE Night
- Fall Festival
- Donuts with Dad/Muffins with Mom/Pancakes with Parents
- 100th Day of School
- Field/Water Days
- End-of-year Awards Program
- PreK Promotion
- Kindergarten/8th grade/ Senior Graduation

Resources

- Weekly Grade Level Newsletters
- Monthly Campus Newsletter
- Spurger ISD website
- Campus social media sites (Facebook/Twitter/Remind)
- Teacher specific Remind accounts
- Parent Portal
- Access to Special Education and 504 resources

Evaluation

- Annual Community Survey

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