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Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2023-24

Mission Statement

Eickenroht will create an environment of excellence where students achieve academic success, build relationships, and take ownership of their growth so they can write their future story.

Part I. General Expectations

Ralph Eickenroht Elementary agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

Consistent with Section 1118, the school will work to ensure that the required school level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of Section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with Section 1118 (d) of the ESEA.

Eickenroht will notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

In carrying out the Title I, Part A, parental and family involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in language parents understand.

If the school wide program plan for Title I, Part A, developed under Section 1114(b) of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of the participating children, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to Spring Independent School District.

Eickenroht will collaborate with parents to create strong parental and family involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Eickenroht will provide other reasonable support for parental and family involvement activities under Section 1118 of the ESEA at the parents' request.

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is available in English and Spanish to serve our schools' population. The policy will be available to parents by:

- Ralph Eickenroht Elementary website
- Parent Conference Day
- Virtual school events
- Provide policy to our community members

What does Parent and Family Engagement consist of?

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

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school. Parents are invited to participate virtually in curriculum nights, parent trainings
- 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;

Annual Title I Parent Meeting

Eickenroht will hold the first annual Title I Parent Meeting on September 14, 2023, and the second meeting in October 2023. The purpose of the meeting is to inform parents and families of the Title I program:

- The Title I program is a federally funded program, which enables schools to provide programs and services for students.
- This program allows schools to use Title I funds to pay for educational programs for the whole school.
- Develop and implement programs that will add to the regular classroom instruction.
- Provide services especially for students with the greatest need of educational help.
- Increase parental involvement in school activities and at home.
- Supplement instructional supplies and materials for classroom use for reading and math.
- School Support Staff (Intervention Specialist)
- Provide in district and out of district professional development for teachers

Part II. Description of how schools will implement required school Parent and Family Engagement Policy components

1. Eickenroht Elementary will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school parent and family engagement policy under Section 1118 of the ESEA:
 - Parent/Teacher conferences
 - Annual Title I Meeting
 - Eickenroht's website/Weekly Newsletter
2. Eickenroht Elementary will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under Section 116 of the ESEA:
 - Implement a PTA
 - Eickenroht Elementary will periodically update the Parent and Family Engagement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
 - Include parents on the Campus Improvement Plan Committee
3. Eickenroht Elementary will hold two annual meetings to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A, programs, and to explain the requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a time convenient for parents and will offer a flexible number of additional parent and family involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will encourage all parents to come by:
 - Send a notice home in English and Spanish
 - Blackboard Connect Automated Phone and email message
 - Post dates of the meetings on Eickenroht's website
 - Class Dojo
4. Eickenroht Elementary will take the following actions to provide each parent with a notice when their child has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified under Section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations by:
 - Preparing a letter in English and Spanish
 - Calling the parents of the students in the classroom
 - Holding a meeting to inform parents of the situation

Part III. Discretionary school parent and family engagement policy components

- Invite parents to Meet the Teacher Night and help establish relationships
- Provide a schedule of all events held at Eickenroht Elementary
- Send reminder notes of upcoming events
- Provide volunteer opportunities for parents, such as Math Night, Science Night, Literacy Night, Family Feast and help with attendance incentives.
- Require teachers to keep communication open with parents.
- Inform parents of the availability of school administrators, counselor and parent liaison

Part IV. Adoption

This Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been adopted by **Ralph Eickenroht Elementary** on August 31, 2023 and will take effect for the 2023-24 school year.