



MEYER ELEMENTARY



Parent and Family Engagement Policy

ESSA Section 1116

2020-2021

Meyer Elementary shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of ESSA Section 1116 subsections (c) through (f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. Section 1116 (b) (1) & (e) (5)

Meyer Elementary mission states that we are committed to ensuring a safe and secure learning environment with high levels of learning for ALL students rooted in best practices through ongoing professional collaboration. Parents are invited annually to attend a parent meeting to review and revised the document the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. At this time parents will collaborate with teachers, staff, and the parent liaison to develop the policy. PTO board members are also invited to aid in this process. The Parent and Family Engagement policy will be distributed via school website, Parent/Teacher Conference Day and copies are available in the parent resource center.

Meyer Elementary shall convene annual meeting at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the rights of the parent to be involved; Section 1116 (c) (1) Meyer Elementary will hold two annual Title One meetings. Parents will be notified via flyers, automated phone calls, and an announcement will be displayed on the school's marquee to inform parents when the meetings will be held. One will be held in September and the second will be held in November. Parents will be informed of Title One guidelines, and their rights as a parent of a student who is

served by the Title One program. At the September meeting, parents will be encouraged to attend future parent meetings to review and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

Meyer Elementary shall offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meeting in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, childcare, or home visits, such as such services relate to parental involvement; **Section 116 (c) (2).** Meyer Elementary is scheduled to offer several parents meetings/events for the 2020-21 school year which will include:

- Back to School Bash/Meet the Teacher (Drive Through) & Virtual
- Open House (Virtual)
- Annual Title One Meetings (Virtual)
- Quarterly Parent Meetings
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- PTO Meetings
- Curriculum Night
- STAAR Night

The meetings/events that will be held will be offered at various time to meet the needs of our parents.

Meyer Elementary shall involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, in a timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the school wide program plan under section 1114 (b) (Campus Improvement Plan), except that if a school has in place a process for involving parents in the joint planning and design of the school's programs, the school may use that process, if such process includes an adequate representation of parents children; **Section 1116 (c)(3).** Parents are encouraged to attend parent meetings to offer ideas and plan activities for family engagement during monthly PTO meetings and at our quarterly parent meetings. Parents are also represented in developing the Campus Improvement Plan.

Meyer Elementary shall provide parents of participating children-

(A) timely information about programs under this part;

(B) a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of the challenging State academic standards; and

(C) if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably by possible; **Section 1116 (c) (4)**. Parents are informed about various the parent and family engagement program and activities through various avenues of communication throughout the school year. Meyer Elementary uses the following methods to communicate with parents:

- Weekly Parent Newsletter
- School Website
- Personal phone calls
- Messages on the marquee
- Parent conferences

The following activities are some of the events that parents are invited to attend:

- Curriculum Night - Drive Thru/Virtual
- Donuts with Dad
- Muffins with Mom
- Mother/Son-Father Daughter Valentine's Dance
- Veteran's Day Program
- Hispanic Heritage Program
- Ebony of Excellence Program

Curriculum and assessment information is provided to parents via school website and parent portal.

If the school wide program plan (Campus Improvement Plan, CIP) under section 1114 (b) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency. **Section 1116 (c)(5)** Meyer Elementary is provided the campus improvement plan via website and is updated quarterly.

To ensure effective involvement of parent and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student achievement, Meyer Elementary shall: **Section 116 (e)**

(i) provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children; Section 1116 (e)(i)

The following resources and actions are provided to assist parents:

- Curriculum/STAAR Nights
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- After-School Tutorials

(ii) provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement; Section 1116 (e)(2)

The following resources and actions are provided to assist parents:

- Schoology Trainings
- Parent Resource Center

(iii) educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and school; Section 1116 (e) (3)

- District Parent Trainings
- Parent Engagement Surveys
- Weekly Campus Admin Meetings w/ Parent Liaison (Counselor)

(iv) to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their; Section 1116 (e)(4)

- Development of the Campus Improvement Plan

(v) provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. (Section 1116 (e)(14)

- Computer Training Classes
- ESL Classes

This Parent and family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by our sign-in sheet and agenda kept on campus. This policy was adopted by Meyer Elementary School on **November 12, 2020** and will be in effect for the remainder 2019/2020 school year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before **November 20, 2020**.