

Ponderosa Elementary School  
Spring Independent School District  
Parent and Family Engagement Policy  
2021-2022

***Defining Parental Involvement***

*Ponderosa Elementary strives to include all families in the school community and to allow input and feedback from parents, guardians and stakeholders in order to improve the overall experience of each student.*

*Ponderosa Elementary established a PTA in 2016 for the benefit of the students and to allow parents and families to have a voice. The National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs were developed by the National PTA in cooperation with education and parent involvement professionals through national Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education. There are six national standards for parent/family involvement: communicating, parenting, student learning, volunteering, school decision making and collaborating with community.*

***Mission Statement To create a culture of excellence in which students know they are valued, loved and created with a purpose.***

**Ponderosa Elementary School Expectations**

**1. Ponderosa Elementary School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its parent involvement policy 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 an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided 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). Translation is provided in Spanish at all parent meetings.**

**2. Ponderosa Elementary shall convene an 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 Title 1 this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and**

## **the right of the parents to be involved; Section 1116 (c)(1)**

Ponderosa Elementary School will actively recruit parents, family members and caregivers to participate in writing, revising and reviewing this policy annually by or before September 30.

- Ponderosa Elementary School will present the policy in a language and format that parents and families can understand which will include English and Spanish. The parent/student compact and any information pertaining to promotion standards, attendance and safety shall be communicated in English and Spanish as well as any other information deemed necessary to student success. In light of the COVID restrictions currently in place, PTA members will decide if meetings will be face-to-face or via ZOOM, so that all parents can participate. A translator will be available.

### **3. Ponderosa Elementary School will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist this Title I, Part A school in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:**

- Ponderosa Elementary School will include two parents on the CIP committee and meet regularly with the PTA board. Meetings may be held face-to-face or virtually, determined by PTA members, due to COVID restrictions.
- Ponderosa Elementary School will maintain one campus Parent Engagement Liaison to coordinate meetings between parents and campus staff.

### **4. Ponderosa Elementary School will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies under Title I, Part A with parental involvement strategies under other district and state programs:**

- The parent engagement liaison will work through the volunteer coordinator and collaborate with the Pre-K coordinator to provide services to early childhood parents as well as with fifth grade parents to transition to middle school. The parent engagement liaison will coordinate with CYS workers to provide resources and referrals for families.
- The parent engagement liaison will collaborate with the counseling staff and CYS to provide services to parents.

**5. Ponderosa Elementary School will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the contents and effectiveness of this parent involvement policy in improving the quality of this Title I, Part A school.**

- Ponderosa Elementary School will conduct a campus wide parent involvement survey for the annual evaluation of the campus programs and to identify barriers and effectiveness of the procedures in place.
- Ponderosa Elementary School will present the survey in a format and language that parents can understand. The survey will be available both electronically and in paper format in English and Spanish. Results of the survey will be reviewed with parents before the close of the Spring semester.

**6. If the schoolwide 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.**

- The Campus Improvement Plan for Ponderosa Elementary will be reviewed with parents 30 days after it is approved by the Board of Trustees and available for review on the website.

**Ponderosa Elementary School will build the school's and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:**

- Ponderosa Elementary will conduct curriculum nights that address students' academic, social, and emotion needs. This year we will have a Math and Literacy Night. STAAR will be discussed at both meetings.
- Ponderosa Elementary School will aid parents in understanding topics such as the state's academic content standards, local assessments, how to monitor their child's progress, and how to work with educators.

The Parent Engagement Liaison will collaborate to build and refine the PTA and parent volunteers.

## **Adoptions**

This Ponderosa Elementary School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

This policy was adopted by the Ponderosa Elementary School on 09/29/2021 and will be in effect for the period of the 2021-2022 school year. The school will make this policy available to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before October 1, 2021.