

Winship Elementary Leadership Academy

Spring Independent School District

Family Engagement Policy

2017-2018

***Family Engagement***

*Parent Involvement is now identified as Parent and Family Engagement. Public Law 114-95 Section 1116.*

*Although this is not new ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) places a clear emphasis upon the role of families as equal partners.*

***Mission Statement***

*Our mission is to provide engaging learning opportunities that encourage academic and social growth for each student in a nurturing environment with family and community support.*

**Winship Elementary Leadership Academy Expectations**

**Winship Elementary Leadership Academy will take the following actions to engage family in the joint development of its Family Engagement Policy and the process of school review and improvement:**

- Winship Elementary Leadership Academy will actively recruit parents and caregivers to participate in an advisory capacity.
- Winship Elementary Leadership Academy personnel will collaborate annually with Family members to review and discuss the family engagement policy.
- Winship Elementary Leadership Academy will schedule meetings at convenient times and locations to allow for active participation in a comprehensive review of policy and family programs. Childcare will be provided whenever possible.
- Winship Elementary Leadership Academy will present the policy in a language and format that families can understand.

**Winship Elementary Leadership Academy will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist this Title I, Part A school in planning and implementing effective family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:**

- Winship Elementary Leadership Academy will conduct meetings each nine-weeks with at least one family member and one campus representative to discuss and provide advice on all matters related to family engagement.
- Winship Elementary Leadership Academy will maintain one campus Family Engagement Liaison to coordinate meetings between families and campus staff.

**Winship Elementary Leadership Academy will coordinate and integrate family engagement strategies under Title I, Part A with family engagement strategies under other ESEA programs:**

- The family engagement liaison will work through the family engagement coordinator to collaborate with the Even Start coordinator to provide services to parents.
- The family engagement liaison will collaborate with the counseling staff to provide services to families.

**Winship Elementary Leadership Academy will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of families, an annual evaluation of the contents and effectiveness of this family engagement policy in improving the quality of this Title I, Part A school.**

- Winship Elementary Leadership Academy will conduct a campus-wide family engagement survey for the annual evaluation of the campus programs and to identify barriers and effectiveness of the procedures in place.
- Winship Elementary Leadership Academy will present the survey in a format and language that families can understand.

**Winship Elementary Leadership Academy will build the school's and families' capacity for strong family engagement, in order to ensure effective engagement of families and to support a partnership among the school, families, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:**

- The Family Engagement Liaison will conduct family meetings each nine-weeks that address students' academic, social, and emotion needs.
- Winship Elementary Leadership Academy will provide assistance to families in understanding topics such as the state's academic content standards, local assessments, how to monitor their child's progress, how to work with educators, etc.
- Winship will maintain an active PTO with monthly meetings and opportunities for family engagement.

### **Adoptions**

This Winship Elementary Leadership Academy Family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed upon with, families of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

This policy was adopted by Winship Elementary Leadership Academy on October 18, 2018 and will be in effect for the period of the 2017-2018 school year. The school will distribute this policy to all families of participating Title I, Part A children on or before October 23, 2018.