



## Spring ISD Parent and Family Engagement Policy

### ESSA section 1116

### 2023-2024 School Year

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<p><b>What is it?</b></p>	<p>Parent and Family Engagement is defined as families, community members, and educators working together in an equal and respectful partnership to create and provide effective, systemwide support for student learning and development from early childhood into college, a career, or the military.</p> <p>Every Local Education Agency (LEA) receiving Title I, Part A funds and every school receiving Title I, Part A funds, schoolwide and targeted assistance, are required to develop a written Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The policy shall be developed with, distributed to, revised, and reviewed with parents.</p>
<p><b>Mission</b></p>	<p>The Department of Family and Community Engagement strives to create, support and strengthen sustainable programs and initiatives for family empowerment and community engagement that focus on the academic, emotional and social success of their children. We create partnerships among the schools, families and the community to help all students reach high levels of academic achievement.</p>
<p><b>Spring ISD will:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Create a sub-committee of the Parent Advisory Council consisting of parents, guardians, and family members to review and revise the District Parent and Family Engagement policy annually.</li> <li>➤ Distribute the policy by posting it on the district website. All schools receiving Title 1, Part A funds will also post it on their campus website. Both the district and the campuses will post it in both English and Spanish to accommodate the nearly 52% of households in the district where Spanish is the first language.</li> <li>➤ Offer workshops to parents and families to help increase student achievement; topics include             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ State and local assessments workshops</li> <li>○ Curriculum Saturdays</li> <li>○ Social and emotional support workshops</li> <li>○ Technology workshops covering platforms such as Schoology and the Home Access Center (HAC)</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Offer classes to empower parents and families to help increase student achievement, such as             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ English as a Second Language (ESL)</li> <li>○ Spanish Acquisition</li> <li>○ Computer Basics</li> <li>○ General Educational Development (GED)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



- Financial Empowerment

- Educate all staff members by hosting trainings at every campus of the value and utility of the contributions of parents and family members.
- Coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies with other Federal, State, and local laws and programs that encourage and support parents, guardians and family members in participating in the education of their children; notably, the Smart Start early Learning program. This program prepares children as young as 18 months old get prepared for future academic success.
- Conduct an annual evaluation of our Parent and Family Engagement program using the K-12 School Quality Survey instrument. The findings will be reviewed with parents and family members at a District Parent Advisory Council meeting. They will also be reviewed by district and campus leaders.

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