



# **Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School**

*A Math, Science, and Fine Arts Academy*

Spring Independent School District

## **Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

2018-2019

### **Defining Parental Involvement**

Every Student Succeeds Act defines parental involvement as “the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication.”

Involving student academic learning and other school activities including:

- Assisting their child’s learning;
- Being actively involved in their child’s education and being included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child; and
- Carrying out of other activities such as those described in section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) [*formally known as 1118 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*].

*Section 9101(32)*

### **Mission Statement**

The educators of Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School will establish a learning environment that features authentic and engaging activities in the areas of Math, Science, and the Fine Arts that will stimulate the students’ curiosity and impel them to work diligently.

### **Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School Expectations**

Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its parent and family engagement policy (section 1112) and the process of school review and improvement (section 1116):

- Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School will actively recruit parents and caregivers to participate in an advisory capacity.
- Parents and Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School personnel will meet annually to review and discuss the parent and family engagement policy.
- Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School will schedule meetings at convenient times and locations to allow for active participation in a comprehensive review of policy and parent programs.
- Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School will present the policy in a language and format that parents and families can understand.

Dr. Edward Roberson Middle 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:

- Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School will conduct meetings regularly, with a collective of stakeholders including but not limited to parents, teachers, and community members, to discuss and provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement.
- Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School will maintain an on-campus Parent Engagement Liaison to coordinate meetings between parents and campus staff.

Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the contents and effectiveness of this parent and family engagement policy improving the quality of the Title I, Part A School.

- Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School will conduct a campus wide parent survey for the annual evaluation of the campus programs and to identify barriers and effectiveness of the procedures in place.
- Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School will present the survey in a format and language that parents can understand.

Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School will build the school's capacity for strong parental and family engagement in an effort to improve student academic achievement through the following activities described below:

- The Parent Engagement Liaison and RMS Counseling department will conduct parent meetings regularly that address students' academic, social, and emotional needs.
- Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School will provide assistance to parents in understanding topics such as the state's academic standards, local assessments, how to monitor their child's progress, how to work with educators, etc.
- The Parent Engagement Liaison will collaborate with the campus PTO.

## **Adoptions**

This Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School Parent and Family 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 Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School on *October 2, 2018*, and will be in effect for the period of the *2018-2019* school year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before *December 1, 2018*.