



Academy ISD Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024



Academy ISD believes that building and maintaining partnerships between students, parents, guardians, schools, and community members increases student achievement. Partnerships help support an educational program that honors diversity while enhancing the students' academic abilities. Students will engage in superior and relevant learning opportunities that prepare them for success.

Communication

We believe communication between home and school is on-going and meaningful. We stay in touch with parents, family, and community members in several key ways: Academy ISD website, Academy ISD social media accounts, fliers, school marquees, newsletters, live phone calls, automated phone calls, and emails. Parents, family, and community members may contact members of the district through phone calls, notes, letters, emails, and in person. Written materials will be sent home in both English and Spanish. If there is another language that an item needs to be translated into, please let us know and we will try our best to ensure this is done for you. Our website will allow you to translate any posted information into any of the 107 different languages. We strongly encourage parents to contact their student's teacher and/or the school when there is a concern so that we can work together for the good of the student.

Parent and Family Member Learning

We will help you understand the challenging Texas academic standards, give you information about STAAR and Academy ISD assessments, explain how to monitor your child's progress, and how to work with teachers as a team to help your student succeed. We offer support to help you as you help your child at home, including how to stay current with learning strategies, academic materials, technology use. To encourage parent involvement and engagement, we strive to schedule key meetings and classes at flexible times and dates.

District Improvement Plan

The development of the district improvement plan is a collaborative effort. Academy ISD staff, parents, community, and business partners review data, discuss needs, and create the plan. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Darla Nolen, AISD Assistant Superintendent, at 254-982-4304.

Written Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Title I Program Evaluation

The annual review of our Parent and Family Engagement Policy occurs each spring. Parent, family, and community member input is greatly appreciated and welcomed. The Academy ISD District Education Improvement Committee (DEIC) meets to discuss and make changes to the Parent and Family Engagement policy for the next school year. The annual evaluation will identify barriers to greater participation by parents/families in school activities, identify needs to assist with the learning of their children, and identify strategies to support successful school and family interactions. Findings from the annual evaluation will be used to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement. Parent surveys sent throughout the year will also be used as data points to drive discussion and improvement efforts for the following school

year. The policy is posted on the Academy ISD Website under the Parents & Students section within the Parents & Family Engagement Activity page. If you are interested in serving on the DEIC, call the Academy ISD Administration Building at 254-982-4304.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering is one of the greatest gifts that parents, family members, students, and community members may provide to support our schools. The purpose of our Academy Busy Bees is to communicate the district's needs with volunteers throughout all of the campuses. Our volunteers are open to all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles alike. Volunteers serve to reinforce and enrich the education process. Please contact the specific campus to learn about volunteer opportunities.

Staff Awareness

Our staff receives training each school year about the value of parent and family member contributions at school. We explain how to reach out to, build ties with, and work with parents as equal partners to make sure that all students are successful in their learning. Our staff is kept up to date on our various parent programs, their role in the implementation and coordination of the programs, and how they can encourage parent and family participation.

Questions, concerns, and/or comments may be directed to Mrs. Darla Nolen, AISD Assistant Superintendent, at 254-982-4304.