

Santa Anna ISD

Family Engagement Plan

Education succeeds best when there is a strong partnership and communication between home and school. As key players in the education of their children, families are involved in developing a policy which will achieve maximum effectiveness in the ties between home and school so that children will benefit from their time at school and the services provided by the Title I, Part A program. The family engagement plan is one that is subject to change in order to remain effective in meeting the needs of children who live in a constantly changing society. Parents and school personnel work together to achieve these goals.

Family Engagement Goals

1. Involve families in the joint development of the plan.
2. Provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
3. Build the district and family capacity for strong parental involvement.
4. Coordinate and integrate Title I, Part A parental involvement strategies with parental involvement strategies under other programs.
5. Conduct, with the involvement of parents, an evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the family engagement plan in improving the academic quality of the Title I, Part A schools, including identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in Title I, part A activities, and use the findings of such evaluations to design strategies for more effective parent involvement.
6. Involve parents in the activities of Title I, part A schools.

Strategies

- Provide interpreters at meetings and events if needed
- Varied scheduling of meeting days and times
- Parent surveys to gather input
- Provide child care during parent meetings
- Take-home daily folders in lower grades
- District website and facebook
- Parent portal
- Activity calendars
- Progress reports and report cards
- Pre-K and Kinder Round-up
- Parent conferences

Parents are encouraged to:

1. Read and discuss the student handbook
2. Emphasize the importance of education and encourage participation in school activities

3. Stay informed about your child's activities by attending parent conferences and other parent meetings
4. Learn about the curriculum, student support services, and activities offered by the district
5. Become familiar with the academic program and review teaching materials, textbooks, and instructional aids
6. Examine tests your child has taken
7. Monitor your child's progress and contact teachers, the counselor, or the principal as needed
8. Call the office to schedule appointments
9. Review your child's records when needed
10. Volunteer at school
11. Participate in parent organizations ranging from booster clubs to committees that assist the administration and Board of Trustees in formulating educational goals and objectives
12. Familiarize yourself with federally funded programs such as Title I that provide important educational support services