

Parent & Family Engagement Policy for 2019-20

Redwater Junior High School is committed to the education of the children in our community. We feel parent involvement is an essential piece in ensuring that our students are successful in school. We believe that when parents are more involved in the academic process, school becomes more of a priority for their children. The district's motto is "Every Student, Every Day" and Redwater Junior High demonstrates this expression in all that we do to show our commitment to our students and our community. It is our mission to produce a community of life-long learners. It is our pledge to maintain a good line of communication from school to homes and our goal to provide ample opportunities for parental involvement throughout each school year. Redwater Junior High School is committed to providing a high quality education for all students and to recognizing the essential role of parents and the value of their input.

Goal 1: Provide parents with the opportunity to have input in the Parental Involvement Plan at the district level and at their child's school.

Strategies

- Provide parents access to a copy of the campus parent involvement plan via first day school packets, campus office, or district/campus webpage.
- Convene an annual meeting to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation in Title I programs and explain the requirements and the rights of parents to be involved.
- Provide parents with opportunities to give input and suggestions for revision of the district or campus plan.

Goal 2: Provide outreach for parents, including parents of limited English proficiency (LEP) students, so they can be involved in their child's education.

Strategies

- Campus Website and teacher Web pages
- District Facebook page
- Committee Meetings
- Automated Message Delivery Phone System
- Follow the district LEP Plan to assess possible LEP students and communicate with parents regarding this process.
- Coordinate with various agencies to assist parents of LEP students.

Goal 3: Provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

Strategies for Parents

- Online Parent Grade Viewer
- Parent surveys including school climate, academic achievement, and school performance
- Online programs for student enrichment and intervention

Strategies for Faculty/Staff

- Safety training to identifying child abuse, response to bullying, depression and suicide awareness, and how to protect students from exposure to blood borne pathogens
- Training on proper use of Internet resources
- Participation in Poverty Assimilation Training
- Weekly Professional Learning Committee Meetings
- Student Data Disaggregation

Strategies for Parents/Community/School Personnel

- PTA
- UIL
- Open House/Academic Showcase
- Meet the Teacher
- Orientation for transition to 7th grade
- 8th Grade Parent Information Night to prepare for transition to high school
- Angel Tree
- Awards Assemblies
- Career Day
- NJHS Induction
- Red Ribbon Week
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Band concerts
- Dances
- Pep Rallies
- Food drives
- STEM Day Volunteers
- Student of the Month yard signs, social media, newspaper

Goal 4: Provide an opportunity for parents to engage in decision making process regarding school's Title I, Part A program.

Strategies

- Campus Site-Based Decision Making Committee
- District Site-Based Decision Making Committee
- Allocation of Title I, Part A Funds

Goal 5: Provide an opportunity for parents to engage in an annual evaluation of parental involvement efforts.

Strategies

- Comprehensive Needs Assessment
- Data Analysis of Parent Participation
- Identification of Specific Parental Needs
- Evaluation/Effectiveness of Specific Strategies
- Parent Engagement in Student Academic Growth Activities