



Evant Independent School District
Parent and Family Engagement Policy



2019-2020

1. Evant ISD will reach out to all parents and family members and implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents and family members in programs consistent with the requirements of ESSA Section 1116. Such programs, activities, and procedures shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children. Evant ISD will contact parents and family members to gather meaningful feedback by: phone, email, face-to-face conversations, district website, and surveys.
 2. Evant ISD receives Title I, Part A funds. Our goal is to plan and implement effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance. Therefore, Evant ISD will develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy.
- This policy shall be incorporated into Evant ISD's District Improvement Plan (DIP)
 - The policy will establish Evant ISD's expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family involvement.

The Evant ISD Parent & Family Engagement Policy is distributed and explained to parents at the first Site Base Decision Making Committee Meeting which is composed of at least 2 parents and it is also available on the district website. The Parent & Family Engagement Policy is typically reviewed and revised in the spring of each school year. Parents and family members give feedback and input regarding the content and effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

3. Evant ISD will involve parents and family members in jointly developing the local educational plan (DIP) and the development of support and improvement plans. The District Improvement Plan (DIP) is typically updated in the fall of each school year and as needed during the year since it is a working document. At least 2 parents are involved on DIP committees (District Site Base Decision Making Committee) providing valuable feedback and input on various areas.
4. Evant ISD will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools within the local educational agency, in planning and implementing effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, which may include meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations, or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents and family members in education. Evant ISD works with the schools

and the community to develop Parent and Family Engagement Strategies to work with parents for student success according to the following:

- The district reviews the Parent and Family Engagement Policy with the District Site Base Decision Making Committee Members.
 - Individuals on the District Site Base Decision Making Committee provide valuable input and feedback into the development of strategies to work with parents.
5. Evant ISD will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies under Title I, Part A, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. Evant ISD Parent and Family Engagement Strategies are coordinated and integrated in the following ways:
- A flexible number of meetings are offered to maximize the opportunities for parents and family members to participate in school related activities.
 - Meetings are coordinated to prevent parents from having to attend multiple different meetings for different areas (Title I, Migrant, EL, Sped, Homeless etc.) including parent and family engagement.
 - Translators are available
 - Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
6. Evant ISD will conduct, with the meaningful involvement of parents and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of all schools served under this part, including identifying:
- Barriers to greater participation by parents in activities authorized by this section (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background);
 - The needs of parents and family members to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers; and
 - Strategies to support successful school and family interactions;
- ❖ The annual evaluation will be conducted during the Spring semester.
 - ❖ The District Site Base Decision Making Committee will conduct the evaluation.
 - ❖ Findings will be made public by June on the EISD website.

- ❖ Parents and family members will be active participants as they are members of the District Site Base Decision Making Committee.

7. Evant ISD will use the finding of such evaluation to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary, the parent and family engagement policies. Evant ISD will offer resources and ideas to the parents and family members of evidence-based strategies found effective to increase parental involvement. Parents and family members will provide ideas they believe will increase parental involvement within Evant ISD. Evant ISD will utilize resources from Educational Service Center Region 12.
8. Evant ISD will involve parents in the activities of the schools served under this part, which may include establishing a parent advisory board comprised of a sufficient number and representative group of parents or family members served by the local educational agency to adequately represent the needs of the population for the purposes of developing, revising, and reviewing the parent and family engagement policy and provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request. Parent groups and booster clubs receive Title I, Part A information through the campus annual Title, I meeting. Parent groups consist of PTO and Booster Clubs
9. To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Evant ISD shall:
 - (i) Provide assistance to parents of children served by the local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of the parent and family engagement program, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.

Resources and actions to assist parents are:

 - Parent/teacher conferences
 - txConnect Parent Portal to Texas Gradebook
 - Campus meetings regarding state academic standards
 - Open House/Meet the Teacher/Report Cards
 - STAAR Prepare for Success: A Parent Guide to the Student Success Initiative at Grades 5 and 8, pamphlet from TEA
 - (ii) Provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement. Evant ISD provides the following resources and actions to assist parents:

- Access to online educational programs such as Moby Max, Learning.com, Imagine Learning, Discovery Education, and TexQuest.
 - LPAC training for parents of children in the ESL program
 - School counselors provide parents and family members with resources to help a child be successful in school including scholarship and college resources.
 - Materials for students to practice at home to reinforce learning in the classroom.
- (iii) Educating teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and unity of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school. Evant ISD will support and assist campuses and departments with this initiative as needed. Evant ISD staff will be educated in the following ways:
- Teacher/staff in-service
 - Faculty/department meetings
 - Positive Parent Calls
- (iv) Ensuring that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. Evant ISD will translate documents into English and Spanish including the following: District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, District Improvement, district website district Facebook page, and Evant ISD personnel are available for the district to help translate information for parents.