

Parent Policy

Friona Primary

2019-2020

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Friona Primary School is dedicated to providing quality education for every student in our district. To accomplish this objective, we will develop and maintain partnerships with parents and community members. Each student will benefit from supportive, active involvement of all members of the population. A positive link between home and school will create the most conducive learning environment for every child. These open communication lines will expand and enhance learning opportunities for everyone involved.

Grade level learning objectives and goals will be distributed to all parents at the beginning of the school year. All students will be expected to work toward mastering these objectives. The campus recognizes the fact that some students will need extra assistance to achieve their full potential. The extra assistance is available to all students through the Title I program and various other educational services offered through the campus and the district.

Friona Primary School intends to include parents in all aspects of the Title I program. Students will be given every opportunity for success through the development and enhancement of the home/school partnership.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPING THE POLICY

An advisory committee composed of parents, members of the community, teachers, and the principal will meet to discuss the design and implementation of the Parent Policy.

Friona Primary School will actively recruit volunteers for the advisory committee through various avenues of publicity. Committee selections will produce a diverse parent population that will include all student groups represented within the district.

Meetings will be planned at convenient times and locations for all concerned parties.

MEETINGS FOR TITLE I PARENTS

Friona Primary School will hold Fall and Spring meetings for parents during each school year. Parents will be informed of new Title I guidelines and the variations from the previous year's program during the Title I meeting in the Fall prior to Open House. Copies of the current campus Parent Policy will be distributed during the first Open House event in the Fall and made available to anyone who may request one throughout the year. Parents will be encouraged to become involved in revising and updating the policy as necessary. Volunteers will be recruited for the district-wide and campus advisory committees.

The meetings will be held at a convenient time and location. Language translation will be provided to ensure parent participation and attendance. Written notices and media attention will all be directed at attracting as many parents as possible.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACTS

In accordance with Title I regulations, the school will complete a parent-student compact with the parents of students participating in the program. This compact will enable the school and parents to share responsibility for student performance and success.

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All parents will be given a copy of the compact detailing the responsibilities of teachers and parents in helping students accomplish their goals. Student's responsibilities will vary by grade level. The School / Parent Compact is provided in both English and Spanish.

TYPES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The school will support varied opportunities for parental involvement as it strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. Parents may contribute through volunteer programs at school as well as creating a supportive home atmosphere. The community may participate through a variety of curricular and extracurricular activities that promote student success. These might include such things as annual student award events in the spring, music programs, Mighty Writers, Meet Your Teacher, Grandparent Day Lunch, Holiday Class Parties, Thanksgiving Meal, Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast, Book Fair Family Night, Mother's Day Tea, Field Day, fundraising activities, as well as two open houses each year.

The school and family will develop and maintain parental involvement activities best suited to meet the individual needs of everyone involved.

MATCHING PROGRAMS TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

The community will be consulted in the design, development and implementation of the Title I program. Parent and student needs will be assessed through questionnaires and parental suggestions as well as a variety of other measures targeted at creating a successful school environment.

Workshops and programs will be tailored to meet the unique student and parental needs of the community. Parents will be informed of involvement activities through the school and district offices.

Friona Primary School will welcome and promote parental suggestions for program improvement. Parents will be encouraged through various media (notes home, PSA's, and direct requests) to offer suggestions for program improvement.

STAFF/PARENT COMMUNICATION

Parents will be welcomed through various avenues of communication throughout the school year.

Newsletters, conferences, personal contacts, phone calls, campus website, and written notices will be utilized to establish and maintain an open line of communication. We will utilize Open House events to enable parents to visit the campus in an informal atmosphere. The Fall Open House will focus on sharing information concerning parental involvement during the Title I Parent Meeting followed by a come-and-go event while the spring event will showcase student projects and achievements. The campus will utilize local media (WT Services, Friona STAR, campus web pages, and our campus marquee) to announce upcoming events. The Spring Open House will also be a come-and-go event whereby parents can stop by the campus to check out their children's work.

Staff members will be trained in positive communication activities as well as effective ways to work with parents and community members. The district will introduce the teachers and staff members to ideas for enhanced school/home connections using resources supplied by ESC 16.

EVALUATION

The campus committee will review and evaluate the various aspects of the parent involvement program. Parents will be surveyed about the effectiveness of the program and offer suggestions for improvement. The evaluation procedure will include assessment of successes in the Parent Policy as well as recommendations for improvement in emergent areas. The campus will revise its Parent Policy based on the results of this annual review.

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