

## Liberty-Eylau Independent School District

### Parent Involvement Policy

**Introduction** – Liberty-Eylau ISD provides Title I services. Therefore, the district is responsible to jointly develop, annually distribute and annually revise written parent involvement policies [P.L. 107-110, Section 1118]. Parent-student-school compacts will be developed at the campus level and will be incorporated into each Campus Improvement Plan. In addition, a district policy will be developed and maintained and will be incorporated into the District Improvement Plan.

The information below addresses descriptors that are required to meet regulations set forth in federal application assurances and P.L. 107-110, Section 1118. The categories listed below discuss mandated requirements.

1. **Statement of Purpose** – Liberty-Eylau Independent School District is committed to “excellence in teaching and learning.” Liberty-Eylau ISD will provide quality educational experiences for every student. To this end, Liberty-Eylau ISD will work collaboratively with parents and the community. Everyone benefits when school, home, and community work together to promote high achievement for all students. Neither the home nor the school can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as the child’s first teacher. Parent’s support for their children and for the school is critical to student success at each developmental age, stage and grade level.

Grade level Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) are available online at [www.tea.state.tx.us](http://www.tea.state.tx.us). TEKS identify the content that students will be expected to learn at each grade level. The district recognizes some students may need additional assistance through Title I and related services to reach stated objectives. Liberty-Eylau ISD will include parents in Title I programming. The focus will be to develop and maintain a school-home partnership that will enable all students in Liberty-Eylau ISD to experience academic success.

2. **Annual Meetings for Title I Parents** – Liberty-Eylau ISD hosts meetings each year for Title I parents. Information is distributed concerning the Title I program. Parents and other interested community members are given information about Title I guidelines. Copies of the District Parent Involvement Policy will be distributed annually to parents and will be discussed as needed. Parents are given an opportunity to offer suggestions for revisions and update the policy as needed.
3. **Parent-Student-School Compacts** – Each individual Title I campus must have a compact that has been jointly developed with parents of participating students. Each school has an individualized compact that describes the responsibilities of how the school, students and parents will help improve student achievement. The compact addresses ways each party will hold themselves accountable to help students experience academic success. Compacts address the school’s responsibility to provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive environment. Each compact describes ways that parents support student learning including but not limited to monitoring attendance, helping with homework and volunteering

in the student's classroom. The compact addresses student responsibilities and may vary by grade level. Communication is another facet addressed in each campus compact.

4. **Parent Involvement Program Based on Community Needs** – Liberty-Eylau ISD assesses the needs of parents and students through formal surveys sent home annually. Title I surveys request specific information to better serve the needs of students. Workshops and programs are made available to meet the needs of parents and students. Parents are notified about upcoming opportunities through the district calendar, special program notices or campus specific information. Parents may call the central office, visit with campus office personnel or visit the district Web site, [www.leisd.net](http://www.leisd.net), for additional information. Parents may use these same means to express interest in a workshops, make suggestions or obtain additional clarifying information.
5. **Staff and Parent Communication** – Communication with parents will include newsletters, notes with student report cards, telephone calls, email communications and parent-teacher conferences. At some grade levels, student folders are sent home daily with pertinent information. Parents are encouraged to take the initiative to call their child's teacher when a concern arises. Staff seeks ways to improve home-school communication opportunities. Parent input is sought to continue strengthening this area.

Liberty-Eylau ISD subscribes to *Resources for Educators*, which supplies monthly grade-appropriate newsletters sent to all students attending a Title I campus. The newsletters provide homework tips, learning activities and discipline information in both English and Spanish.

6. **Evaluation** – There is an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Title I parent involvement program. Parent input is solicited. The evaluation assesses the extent of parental involvement and seeks to determine what barriers, if any, may exist regarding parent participation. Liberty-Eylau ISD reviews and revises its Parent Involvement Policy annually.

The policy is coordinated by Central Office Administrators working with Title programs, parents, teachers and campus administrators. The Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, administrators, faculty and staff recognize the importance of parent involvement and seek to work with families in order to provide the best educational experiences possible for every student.