



## **Corsicana Middle School**

### *Parent & Family Engagement Policy*

*2022-2023*

Parent, Family and Community Engagement is the participation of every facet of the education and development of children from birth to adulthood, recognizing that parents and family are the primary influence in their children's lives. Federal programs including Title I recognize that family and community engagement takes many forms, including parents' shared responsibilities in decisions about their children's education, health and well-being, as well as parents' participation in organizations that reflect the community's collaborative aspirations for all children.

### **GENERAL EXPECTATIONS**

Corsicana Middle School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- Consistent with section 1118, the school will work to ensure that the required school level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118 of the ESSA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESSA. (See Enclosure)
- Schools will notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A, parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESSA in an

understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in language parents understand.

- If the school-wide program plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1114(b) of the ESSA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the local educational agency (school district).
- The school will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the I percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the I percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- The school will build its own and the parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.
- The school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 of the ESSA as the parents may request.
- The school will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement , and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

*Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring-*

*(A)that parents play an integral role in assisting their child 's learning;*

*(B)that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child 's education at school;*

*(C)that parents are full partners in their child 's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;*

*(D)the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the*

*ESSA*

## **DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOLS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS**

1. Corsicana Middle School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school parental involvement plan under section II 18 of the ESSA:
  - \* Parents will be involved in the Site Base planning process.
  - \* Present the plan at the Title I Meeting
2. Create opportunities for parents to volunteer
3. Have pertinent information posted on social media and on the school website
2. Corsicana Middle School will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESSA:
  - \*Parents will be involved in the Site Base planning process.
  - \*Policy will be sent home in both English and Spanish languages.
  - \*Policy will be presented at the Title I meeting
  - \*Policy will be reviewed annually.

## **DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS NOTE**

The School Parental Involvement Policy may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school district, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school and school system to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under section 1118(e) of the ESSA:

- involving parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training
- providing necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds, if the school district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training;
- paying reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions; • training parents to enhance the involvement of other parents
- arranging school meetings at a variety of times, or conducting in-home conferences between teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children, arrange meetings with parents who are unable to attend conferences at school in order to maximize parental involvement and participation in their children's education
- adopting and implementing model approaches to improving parental involvement
- establishing a school parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I Part A programs

- developing appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities.

#### **PART IV. ADOPTION**

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by Corsicana Middle School Leadership Team. This policy was adopted by the Corsicana Independent School District August 2022 and will be in effect for the period of 2022-2023. The school will distribute this policy to all parents.