

PISD Parent Involvement Policy Estacado Middle School

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Statement of Purpose

The mission of the Plainview Independent School District, in partnership with the community, is to graduate all students with skills and values to compete successfully as life-long learners in society by addressing the needs and recognizing the worth of each student through a coordinated program of instruction in a safe, disciplined environment. A positive link between home and school is vital to the academic success of each child. Plainview ISD is dedicated to developing and maintaining partnerships with parents/guardians and community members by keeping an open line of communication with all stakeholders.

Parent Involvement in Policy Development

Estacado's Campus Advisory Council is comprised of teachers, parents, community/business representatives, school district administrators, a counselor and/or administrative assistant, and the principal. This committee designs, provides guidance for implementation, and evaluates the Campus Improvement Plan. The goal of parent and community involvement is an integral part of the Campus Plan and is directly monitored by this committee. Selected parent volunteer coordinators represent our campus at meetings and training opportunities at the district level along with the district parental involvement coordinator and federal programs director in order to communicate and keep the staff and parents of our students informed and involved in opportunities, decisions, and programs offered by Plainview ISD and by Region XVII. Meetings are planned at the campus at convenient times for the committee members.

Annual Meeting for Title I Parents/Caregivers

Estacado uses Title I funds to provide school-wide services for all students. We hold at least two meetings annually to review Title I guidelines and services offered through the district and at this campus. Copies of the Parent Involvement Policy and the Plainview ISD Parent-Student Compact are distributed at the beginning of the school year and evaluated at the Title I meetings. Parents are encouraged to become involved in revising and updating the policy as necessary, and parent volunteers are recruited for the various committee appointments throughout the year.

The meetings are held at a convenient time and location; notices of the meetings are provided through written invitations to parents/caregivers and through public notices. Translators are available to help with non-English speaking parents/caregivers.

Parent-Student Compacts

In accordance with Title I regulations, Plainview ISD has developed and will annually update a parent-student compact. This compact provides an outline to enable the school and parents/caregivers to share responsibility for student performance and success. This compact explains how students, parents/caregivers, and staff will share responsibilities for promoting student achievement. Compacts are designed so that both the student and his/her parent(s) can sign the compact. Students and parents are encouraged to discuss the contents, sign that they agree, and return the compact to school.

Parental Involvement Opportunities

Estacado will encourage and support parental involvement as it strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students.

- Spanish translators will be provided for parents when needed.
- Information will be provided in Spanish when needed.
- Parents may contribute through POPS.
- Parents may contribute by creating a supportive home environment.
- Parents are invited to participate in parent-teacher conferences.
- Parents are invited to help plan and conduct dances and field trips.

- Parents may participate by attending school meetings. (Title I, planning sessions, student programs, parent training meetings, Campus Advisory)
- Parents are invited to serve on committees.
- Parents are invited to participate in PTO.
- Parents are invited to eat meals with their children.
- Parents are invited to be involved in special programs. (Texas Public School Week, awards/recognition programs, athletic and music events, academic/character programs, POPS, NJHS, ARDS, etc.)
- Parents are kept informed through agendas, emails, school messenger and Facebook.
- Parents are invited to “Back to School” in the fall.
- Parents are invited to speak at assemblies, individual classrooms, and career emphasis days.
- Parents are invited to participate in STAAR activities and meetings.
- Parents are invited to attend Advanced Academics activities and meetings.
- Parents will be invited to volunteer in the classrooms.
- Parents may use computers at our campus.
- Parents may email Estacado faculty.
- Parents may use Skyward Family Access to check on their student’s progress.

Staff and Parent Communication

Estacado encourages open communication between home and school. Every teacher has a 45-minute conference period. Please utilize these times, as well as time before and after school, to contact us. Please keep us updated on current addresses and phone numbers, in addition to other contact persons for times when a parent is unavailable. The Estacado phone number 293-6015 You can also email Mrs. Long at rachel.long@plainviewisd.org. Parents/caregivers will be informed of school activities through various avenues of communication throughout the school year; they will be consulted, informed, and involved in the implementation of the Title I program. Parents will be invited to participate in workshops and conferences tailored to meet the unique parental/student needs of Estacado Middle School. Newsletters, teacher notes, conferences, personal contacts, phone calls, written notices, as well as strategies implemented by the district parent volunteer coordinator will be used to establish and maintain open lines of communication with parents/caregivers. Our campus staff members are trained in positive communication strategies, as well as effective ways to work with parents, students, and members of the community. We will maintain a record of parent contacts/involvement throughout the school year.

Parent Notification: Compliance with P.L. 107-110, Section 1111(h)(6)(A)

As a parent of a student at Estacado Middle School, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child, and Federal law requires the school district to provide you this information in a timely manner if you request it. Specifically, you have the right to request the following information about each of your child’s classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
- The teacher’s college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

Evaluation

The Estacado Middle School Campus Advisory Council will review and evaluate all aspects of the parent involvement program. Parental feedback will be collected throughout the year and discussed at the end of the school year. The results of this feedback will help us evaluate the goals set forth in the Parental and Community Involvement section of our Campus Improvement Plan, as well as the Parent Involvement Policy. The following guiding questions will assist Estacado faculty/parents as they make decisions regarding parental involvement:

Guiding Questions:

What characteristics would you like for your child’s teacher? What types of activities/strategies should be used in class? What are the important subjects/content areas you would like your children to learn? What would you hope to see when walking in the school?

Considerations:

Does this plan address the needs of parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background?