



## CAST Med High School Parent and Family Engagement Policy (English) 2020-2021

San Antonio ISD is committed to working together with all families to provide the best education for all students and firmly believes a partnership between the home and the school must exist for this to occur. Our goal is to provide a platform where families can express their views and to assist in problem solving. It is very important that families know that their involvement in the development of this parental involvement policy is critical so that all students will benefit from their time in school and the services provided by the Title I, Part A program. Thank you for choosing SAISD and staying involved in your children's education.

### **I. Involving parents in the development of the District Improvement Plan**

- The district will involve families in the development of the district improvement plan, Title I program plan, the parent involvement policy, and the school review and improvement process.
- The district will provide families with a copy of the district parental involvement policy via the district website and information on parental involvement, volunteering, mentoring and other resources for parents through the student-parent handbook.
- The district has a dedicated team in place that is available by telephone, e-mail, or in person year-round for families to provide input and suggestions or share any concerns about the policy.

### **II. Assisting schools to implement family engagement activities to improve student performance**

- The district will provide annual training on Title I parent involvement requirements to campus administrators and Family and Community Engagement Specialists
- The district will, in collaboration with its Title I, Part A schools, aid parents as appropriate in understanding topics (with samples) such as the State's academic content standards, the State's student academic achievement standards, the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments, the requirements of Title I, Part A, how to monitor their child's progress, engaging with their child's teacher, parent/teacher conferences, etc.

### **III. Assisting the schools and parents to build capacity**

- The district will provide training and resources to support learning at home, so families have tools to work with their children to improve student achievement.
- A meeting where families will learn about the requirements of a school's Title I program will be held by each campus annually. The school will make every effort to host meetings on a day of the week and time that is convenient for most families. Additionally, all communication to families will be in a language and format, they can understand.
- The district will meet regularly with Family and Community Engagement Specialists for professional development, collaboration, networking, and planning.

### **IV. Developing parental involvement activities**

- The district will also develop initiatives and host district wide specialized events throughout the school year that emphasize the importance of family engagement and that will provide all families with an opportunity to participate and benefit from the resources provided.

## **V. Conducting, with parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools**

- The district will administer surveys to evaluate the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy and its family engagement program in general. The district will use the findings of these evaluations to assess current and develop future strategies for effective family engagement.
- Findings from surveys – as well as other sources of feedback – will also be used to make any revisions to the parental involvement policy, as needed, with the participation of parents.
- All surveys or other tools used to gather feedback from families will be developed in English and Spanish.

## **VI. Involving parents in the activities of the school**

- Information about family engagement programs, meetings, workshops, and other activities will be communicated in a timely manner using multiple channels of communication.
- This information can be distributed through weekly or monthly newsletters, calendars, phone calls, text messaging, e-mails, school marquee, websites, social media, bulletin boards, flyers, by classroom teachers, by Family and Community Engagement Specialists, etc. Information will be shared in English and Spanish.
- Advocacy and decision-making opportunities made available to families include serving on the Campus Leadership Team (CLT), District Leadership Team (DLT), Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC), parent-led groups, etc.
- The district and schools will provide all families with opportunities to participate in family involvement activities for limited English speakers, families experiencing homelessness, parents/families with students with disabilities and parents/families of migrant children in a language and format understandable to the family.

Families and community members are always welcome at our schools. By using their suggestions to improve our schools and by working together, we can help students in all our schools be successful learners.

**\*For questions or to provide feedback on this policy, please contact the SAISD Constituent Services Team at (210) 554-2210, via email at [familyengagement@saisd.net](mailto:familyengagement@saisd.net) or visit us at the SAISD Pickett Family Center located at 1931 E. Houston St., San Antonio, TX 78202.**