

**Trimmier Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2021-2022**

Trimmier Elementary is dedicated in providing a quality education to every child by continuing to strengthen partnerships with parents and the community. We believe all children will achieve higher levels of academic, social and emotional success through parent, school and community involvement. Our mission statement: Teach so that all students learn to their maximum potential. When students leave Trimmier Elementary they will be well prepared for the next chapter in their educational career.

Communication

We believe communication between home and school is a two-way street. We stay in touch with parents and family members in several ways:

Student Planners	Trimmier Website	Trimmier Facebook Page	Connect Ed. Automated Calls
Phone Calls	Emails	Weekly Folders	Parent Meetings/Conferences
Flyers	Weekly Newsletters	Home Access Center	Grade Level Quarterly Newsletter
Class Dojo	Remind App	Calendars	Monthly Parent Liaison Newsletter
Campus Marquee	Notes	Letters	

Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact their child's teacher(s) when there is a need or concern by sending notes, emails or calling the office. Parents may also contact the Parent Liaison (336-2299) as well as the campus administration (336-2270) if more help is needed. Written materials will be sent home in both English and Spanish. If we need to translate things into another language, please contact the school office. We'll do our best to accommodate you.

Parent Sessions and Family Member Learning

We will share and help you understand the challenging Texas academic standards, give you information about STAAR and other KISD assessments. We will explain how to monitor your child's progress using the Home Access Center and how to work with teachers as a team to help your student. Other classes will offer ways to help your child at home, including how to stay current with new technology. Trimmier also offers English classes for our bilingual parents. We understand that our parents work, attend school, or have other responsibilities that limit their schedules. To encourage parent involvement, we strive to schedule key meetings and classes at flexible times and dates to include morning, afternoon and evening sessions. Please feel free to send suggestions for learning topics to our Parent Liaison. If parents would like to have regular meetings to make suggestions about their child's education, please contact the principal at 336-2270.

KISD Parent and Family Member Classes

KISD offers classes free of charge for English as a Second Language, computers, and GED preparation. Empowered Parents workshops and the Parent Academy are also available. In addition, parents may attend and participate in the KISD Parent Advisory Council. Contact the Special Programs Department for more information at 336-0240.

Types of Parental Family Engagement

The staff at Trimmier Elementary School support parents being involved in their child's education through field-based instruction trips, participate in school-wide activities, providing resources to reinforce academic skills at home, and allow parents the opportunity to help in classrooms (reading and small groups), cafeteria, library and share their experience, knowledge, and skills.

Volunteer Orientation

At the start of every new school year, and throughout the year, our volunteer coordinator conducts a volunteer orientation to outline KISD/campus policies. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Keishla Nistal 336-2299).

Lil' Tigers Literacy Group

Parents of children who are three years of age are welcome to our Lil' Tigers Literacy Group. During Lil' Tiger time, our parent liaison provides activities that make learning a fun experience and gives parents tips on early reading activities to do at home. Students become acquainted with our school throughout the year, so they are ready for pre-kindergarten. It's a great way to spend time with your child and learn with other parents.

Annual Title I Meeting

Our annual Title I meeting is held in September of every school year. This meeting is offered in conjunction with an Open House. All parents and family members are invited to attend. We want everyone to know about Title I and how we use these funds to ensure that students are successful. We'll discuss the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the Home-School Compact, "Parents Right to Know" and how you can be involved in your child's education. You'll learn about the curriculum we use, academic assessments, and what our latest STAAR scores look like. We will also share our goals for the school year and how we plan to spend grant funds to support those goals.

Title I Program Evaluation

Our Title I program is evaluated several times a year by our Site Based Decision Making committee, which must include at least one parent representative. SBDM provides input on our Campus Improvement Plan and assists in making decisions about how Title I funds are spent. If you would like to serve on SBDM, please contact the principal. We value your opinions and welcome all parents who would like to serve. Note, if for some reason the CIP is not satisfactory to parents, parent comments about the CIP will be submitted to the Title I program coordinator.

Staff Awareness

Our campus staff receives training each school year about the value of parent and family member contributions at school. We stress how to reach out to and communicate with parents, and work with parents as equal partners to make sure that all students are successful in their learning. Our staff is kept up to date on our various parent programs, their role in the implementation and coordination of the programs, and how they can encourage parent and family participation.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact

An annual evaluation of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the Home-School Compact will be held in the spring. We will involve parents in the implementation of this evaluation. Parents and family members are a crucial, required part of this process. We will meet to discuss and make any changes to these documents for the next school year to meet the current needs of our school, students and parents. We must have your input. Both documents are posted on our campus website so that parents, family members and the community have access to them. Our website will allow you to translate any posted information into any one of 107 different languages. The parent policy and the Home-School Compact is also made available during our Annual Title I meeting and is included in our Parent Handbook. Your child's teacher will share the Home-School Compact with you during a conference and give you more information about your child's achievement. Parents have the right to participate in decisions relating to their child's education.

Note:

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No changes needed