



Nolanville Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2019-2020

The staff at Nolanville Elementary is honored to work alongside families to ensure all students reach their maximum potential and inspire a love for learning. At Nolanville Elementary, we are passionate about building positive relationships and challenging students to become successful, life-long learners. Nolanville Elementary has a highly engaged PTA (Facebook-@NESEAGLESPTA). Participating with the Nolanville PTA is a great way to get involved with volunteering, family events, and collaborating with others to improve the school.

Communication We believe communication between home and school builds a partnership imperative to student success. We communicate with parents and family members in several ways: student planners, weekly Wednesday take-home folders, fliers, KISD TV channel, campus marquee, newsletters, campus website, Nolanville Facebook page (@nolanvilleEAGLES), Connect-Ed automated phone calls, notes, letters, emails and phone calls from teachers and administrators.

Parents and family members may contact us through phone calls, notes, letters, emails, weekly take-home folders and student planners. We strongly encourage parents to contact their student's teacher when there is a concern so that we can work together to support the student. Written materials are sent home in both English and Spanish. If we need to translate things into another language, please contact the school office. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Parent and Family Member Learning Opportunities We'll help you understand the challenging Texas academic standards, give you information about STAAR and KISD assessments, explain how to monitor your child's progress, and how to work with teachers as a team to help your student during Parent Orientation in September and Open House in October. Other classes will offer ways to help your child at home, including current new technology and strategies to help students with literacy and math skills. 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 a morning and an afternoon/evening session. Please send suggestions for learning topics to our Parent Program point of contact, Lynn Verrego (lynn.verrego@killeenisd.org) or provide feedback on our yearly parent survey. If parents would like to have regular meetings to make suggestions about their child's education, please contact Dr. Haider, principal, at 336-2180.

Family Academic Nights Engaging academic nights such as Reading Night, Math Night, and Science Night, occur every year. During these events, our teachers provide activities that make learning a fun experience and gives parents tips on ways to practice academic tasks at home to support student success with academic goals. It is a great way to spend time with your child and learn as a family.

Annual Title I Meeting Our annual Title I meeting is held in September of every school year. This meeting is offered at flexible times and dates that are convenient to parents. All parents and family members are invited to attend. We want everyone to know about Title I and how funds are used to ensure students are successful. We will 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 will learn about the curriculum we use, academic assessments, and what our latest STAAR scores look like. We will even feed you a snack!

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 Dr. Haider, principal. We value your opinions and welcome all parents who would like to serve. For parents unable to participate in SBDM, an annual evening meeting is held for the purpose of evaluating the plan and gaining parent input on changes for the upcoming year. Note, if for some reason the CIP is not satisfactory to parents, parent comments about the CIP will be submitted to KISD.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact We need your help! We must review our current Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact every spring. Parents and family members are a crucial, required part of this process. We meet together to discuss and make any changes to these documents for the next school year. We must have your input. Publicity about this meeting will be available in January. Both of these 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 is also made available during our Annual Title I Meeting and is included in our Student Handbook. Your child's teacher will contact you soon to arrange a conference to discuss the Home-School Compact and to give you more information about your child's achievement. Parents have the right to participate in decisions relating to their child's education.



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Volunteer Orientation At the start of every new school year during a Parent Orientation meeting in September our volunteer coordinator conducts a volunteer orientation to outline KISD policies. If you would like to volunteer, first complete a quick on-line application at <https://killeen.tx01.teams360.net/volunteer/EntryPointHomeAction.do>. Please contact Lynn Verrego or Carol Sewell at 336-2180 for any assistance. Monthly volunteer orientations happen throughout the year. Dates of the volunteer orientation will be published in our monthly newsletter. Volunteer opportunities will be shared with parents via email and on-line sign up will be available through SignUpGenius.com.

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, build ties with, 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.

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.