Mountain View Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2021-22 School Year

The Mountain View Elementary staff takes value and pride in doing what is best for all students while promoting a love of learning and academic growth. All parents and family members are welcomed and encouraged to participate in school wide events. Our vision at Mountain View is to create an inviting and diverse campus where teachers and parents work together to ensure our students take ownership of their learning and develop into future leaders.

Communication

We believe communication between home and school is vital to the success of our students by supporting the learning process. We use multiple avenues to promote communication with parents and families: The Mountain View Facebook page and Blackboard Connect allowing announcements to be shared by phone, email, and text. The Home Access Center is also available to parents to monitor attendance and grades. Teachers communicate through notes shared in Tuesday folder, electronic communication sent via email and classroom communication apps such as Remind 101 and Classroom Dojo, and phone calls.

Parents and family members may reach out to us with phone calls, notes, emails, weekly take-home folders and student planners. We strongly encourage parents to contact their student’s teacher when there is a concern so we are able to work together and do what is best for our students.

Parent and Family Member Learning

Mountain View holds multiple parent events with the intention of offering information about Texas academic standards along with state and district assessments. We offer information to help parents monitor their child’s progress and partner with teachers as a team to help your child. We also provide information regarding ways to help your child at home. Family events include: Math Night, Reading Night, Stem Fair night, Meet the Teacher Night and parent conferences. We collaborate with PTA and our school counselors to offer families other opportunities to join our school for various activities. We understand many of our parents work, attend school, and/or have other responsibilities that limit their schedules, therefore, to encourage parent involvement, we strive to schedule key meetings and classes at flexible times and will input as much information as we can on our website in order for parents to view at their convenience. We invite parents’ input on the best times to offer meetings or desired topics for such meetings. If parents have suggestions, questions, or comments about their child’s education, please contact a principal.

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Annual Title I Meeting

Our annual Title I meeting will be held in the fall. All parents are invited to attend. We want families to understand what Title I entails and how we are using Title I funds to ensure students will be positively impacted. We’ll discuss the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Home-School Compact, “Parents Right to Know” and how to be involved in your child’s education. You’ll learn about the curriculum we use, academic assessments, and our latest STAAR results.

Title I Program Evaluation

Our Instructional program, including Title I, is evaluated several times a year by our Site Based Decision Making (SBDM) committee, which includes at least one parent representative. SBDM provides input on our Campus Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP outlines goals which will be prioritized for the year and strategies put in place to meet these goals. It also assists in making decisions about how Title I funds will be used.

We value opinions and welcome input from all parents. For parents unable to participate in SBDM, an annual meeting is held for the purpose of evaluating the plan and gaining parental input on changes for the upcoming school year. We also have a Parent Advisory Team that meets throughout the year to share ideas and to learn about things happening at Mountain View.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact is required to be evaluated every spring. Parents and family members are a critical part of this process. We meet to discuss and make changes to these documents for the next school year. Both of these documents are posted on our campus website (https://schools.killeenisd.org/Page/45) so parents, family members and the community have access to them. The parent policy is also made available during our Annual Title I Meeting and is included in our Student Handbook. Parents have the right to participate in decisions relating to their child’s education and may request a meeting with their child’s teacher at any time during the school year.

Volunteer Orientation

At the start of every new school year, and throughout the year, volunteer orientations will be held to outline KISD policies. KISD requires parents to complete a volunteer application found at https://killeen.tx01.teams360.net/volunteer/EntryPointHomeAction.do and the volunteer orientation process before entering classrooms to volunteer, help with class parties, field trips, field day or any other school day events. Volunteer applications must be resubmitted each school year, and we recommend all parents go through the volunteer approval process at the start of every year. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ms. Toulouse (Elizabeth.Touloulse@killeenisd.org), Ms. Beauchamp (Claudia.beauchamp@killeenisd.org), or Ms. Newberry (june.newberry@killeenisd.org) or by calling the office at 336-1900.

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

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KISD offers free parenting classes 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 KISD Special Programs Department for more information at 254-336-0240.