

Meadows Elementary
Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2024 – 2025

The staff at Meadows Elementary takes pride in doing what is best for students while promoting a love of learning and academic growth. All parents/guardians and family members are welcomed and valued. Our mission at Meadows is to inspire children through real life learning.

Communication We believe in two-way communication between home and school is on-going and meaningful. We stay in touch with parents and family members in several ways: monthly campus calendar, take-home folders, class dojo, fliers, campus marquee, newsletters, campus website and social media, automated email/text/phone calls, notes, letters, personal emails, and personal phone calls.

Parents and family members may contact us through phone calls, notes, letters, emails, take-home folders, and visiting the front office. We strongly encourage parents to contact their student's teacher when there is a concern so that we can work together for the good of the student. If we need to translate things into another language, please contact the school office at 254-336-1870, we will do our best to accommodate you.

Parent and Family Member Learning 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 succeed. We understand that our parents work, attend school, or have other responsibilities that limit their schedules. To encourage parent involvement and engagement, we strive to schedule key meetings and classes at flexible times and dates to include a morning and an afternoon or evening session. Send suggestions for learning topics to our Parent Liaison. If parents would like to have a meeting to make suggestions about their child's education, please contact the Campus Principal Dr. Julie Sims by calling the office at 254-336-1870 to schedule an appointment.

Wee Reader Early Literacy Club Siblings of Meadows Elementary students and children of the community ages birth to 3 years old are invited to bring their parents to our Wee Reader Early Literacy Club. During Wee Reader time, our Parent Liaison provides activities that make learning a fun experience and gives parents tips on early reading activities to do at home. It's a great way to spend time with your child. Dates and times are displayed on the monthly calendar, and in the weekly newsletter.

Annual Title I Meeting Our annual Title I meeting is held in the fall of every school year. This meeting is offered at flexible times and dates for your scheduling convenience. 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. Dates and times of the event are displayed on the monthly calendar, marquee and in the weekly newsletter.

Title I Program Evaluation Our Title I program is evaluated several times a year by our Site Based Decision Making committee, and all parents are invited to participate. SBDM provides input on our Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) and assists in making decisions about how Title I funds are spent. If you would like to serve on SBDM, please contact the campus principal. We value your opinions and welcome all parents who would like to serve. If you are unable to serve on the committee, you are still welcome to join the SBDM meetings as you are available. Please refer to our campus calendar for SBDM dates and times. Note, if for some reason the CIP is not satisfactory to parents, comments about the CIP will be submitted to the KISD Coordinator for State and Federal Programs. Dates and times are displayed on the monthly calendar and the weekly newsletter.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact We need your help! The annual review of our Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact occurs each spring. Parents and family members are a desired and required part of this process. We meet together to discuss and make any changes to these documents for the next school year. Both of these documents are posted on our campus website, www.MeadowsES.org, so that parents, family members, and the community have access to them. Our website allows you to translate any posted information into 107 different languages. The parent and family engagement 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. Dates and times are displayed on our monthly calendar and in our weekly newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact us at 254-336-1870.

Volunteer Orientation At the start of every new school year, and throughout the year, our volunteer coordinator conducts a volunteer orientation to outline KISD policies. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our Parent Liaison Angela Smith at 254-336-1870.

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 TxCHSE (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 336-0211/0240.