

**Mountain View
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2024-25 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 Mountain View 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. We use multiple avenues to promote communication with parents and families: The Mountain View Facebook page, outside marquee, and Blackboard Connect allow announcements to be shared by phone, email, and text. A monthly newsletter is shared through Blackboard. The Home Access Center is a portal, available to parents, to help you monitor attendance, grades and district testing scores. You will have access to the Home Access Center on the KISD APP. You can sign up here: <https://www.killeenisd.org/app> Opportunities to learn how to use the Home Access Center will be offered throughout the school year or drop by our front office and we will help you. Teachers communicate through notes shared in weekly folders, electronic communication sent via email and classroom communication through Remind, phone calls, and the KISD APP.

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

Parent/Guardian Learning

Mountain View holds multiple parent events with the intention of offering information about Texas academic standards along with state and district assessments. Several meetings are held throughout the year: Site Based Decision Meeting (SBDM), and Title I meetings (All parents are invited to attend) with the intention of offering parents 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 to form a team to help their child. We also provide information regarding ways to help your child at home through Home Access, a monthly newsletter, and parent conferences. Family events include Back to School Bash, Meet the Teacher, Math Night, Parent Conferences, Reading Night, and Science Night. We collaborate with our school counselors to offer families other opportunities to join our school for various activities. We send out timely reminders before these events. We understand many of our parents and guardians 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. We will input as much information as we can in

our monthly newsletter and on our website for parents to view at their convenience. We invite parent and guardian input regarding 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 your child's teacher. Teachers will try to reach out within 48 hours during weekdays.

Annual Title I Meeting

As a Title I campus, our annual Title I meeting is 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 and 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.

In the Spring, we will discuss and suggest changes to the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Home-School Compact for the next school year.

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 in September for the purpose of evaluating the plan and gaining parental input on changes for the upcoming school year.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact are 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://www.killeenisd.org/MountainView> so parent/guardians 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.

Staff Awareness

Our campus staff receives training each school year about the value of family 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.

Volunteer Orientation

At the start of every new school year, and throughout the year, volunteer orientations are held to outline KISD policies. KISD requires parents to complete a volunteer application each school year. You can volunteer at <https://killeen.tx01.teams360.net/volunteer/EntryPointHomeAction.do>

The volunteer orientation process must be completed before entering classrooms to volunteer, help with class parties, field trips, field day or any other school day events. **We have opportunities during school hours, after school hours or things you can do at home.**

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 call the office at 254-336-1900 or contact Mrs. Laurenson, Parent Liaison (wendy.laurenson@killeenisd.org).

KISD Parent and Family Member Classes

Mountain View ES offers monthly parenting classes and weekly Cub Club meetings for parents with children who are not school age yet. Each new class is listed in the monthly newsletter.

Contact Mrs. Laurenson, Parent Liaison wendy.laurenson@killeenisd.org

KISD offers free parenting classes through the district 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 special evenings set up for our Emergent Bilingual students and their families to learn about opportunities available to them to help their child be successful. Contact the KISD Special Programs Department for more information at 254-336-0240.

Language translation of materials and documents shared with parents/guardians of students at Mountain View Elementary will be made available upon request. All students and parents/guardians of students at Mountain View Elementary have had the opportunity to discuss contents of and have received a copy of this compact.

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