

Cedar Valley Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2024-2025

The staff at Cedar Valley Elementary School take pride in doing what is best for students while promoting a love of learning and academic growth. All parents and family members are welcomed and valued.

Communication: We believe communication between home and school is vital for success. At Cedar Valley we stay in touch with parents and family members in several ways; student daily planners, Tuesday folders, grade level/classroom newsletters, campus website, campus marquee, CVES parent newsletters from the principal sent electronically, Connect-Ed automated phone calls, emails, texts and phone calls from staff.

Parents and family members can contact us through phone calls, emails, notes/letters, Tuesday folders, daily folders/planners. 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. Written materials will be sent home in both English and Spanish. If you need information translated into another language, please contact the front office (336-1480). We will do our best to accommodate you.

At the beginning of each school year, a parent informational meeting will be held prior to the beginning of school. During the school year additional meetings are held to assist parents and family members with preparing their child(ren) for the STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness).

Parent and Family Member Learning: Cedar Valley staff will work to help you understand the challenging Texas Academic Standards, give you information about the STAAR and KISD assessments, explain how to monitor your child's progress, and how to work with teachers as a team for your child(ren)'s success. Other classes will offer ways to help your child at home, including how to stay current with new technology, including Schoology. We understand that our parents work, attend school, and have other responsibilities that limit their schedules. We strive to schedule key meetings and classes at flexible times and dates to include morning and an afternoon/evening session to encourage parent involvement. Please send suggestions for learning topics to our Parent Program point of contact, Ms. Tepera. If parents would like to have regular meetings to make suggestions about their child's education, please contact Ms. Miner, Principal at (254) 336-1480.

Annual Title I Meeting: Cedar Valley hold our annual Title I meeting in September of every school year. 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 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. The curriculum used, academic assessments and what our latest STAAR scores are discussed at this meeting.

Title I Program Evaluation: Cedar Valley's Title I program is evaluated several times throughout the year by our Site Based Decision Making (SBDM) committee, which must include at least one parent representative. 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 our SBDM, please contact Ms. Miner, Principal. We value your opinions and welcome all parents who would like to serve. For our 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: At Cedar Valley, 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 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 as early as February. 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 107 different languages. The parent policy is also made available during our Annual Title I Meeting and is included in our Student Handbook. During our Fall parent/teacher conferences, your child's teacher will discuss the Home-School Compact and give you more information about your child's achievement. Parents have the right to participate in decision relating to their child's education.

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 Ms. Tepera at (254) 336-1480.

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, 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, computer and GED participation. 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 (254) 336-0240.

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