

Venable Village Elementary School  
**Parent and Family Engagement Policy**  
**2024-2025**

The staff at Venable Village Elementary takes 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. Our Mission Statement states: We believe parents and family members are a child's most important teachers and that the students' education is a responsibility shared by school, family and community. We know effective parenting and school involvement will lead not only to success in school, but also to success in life. A thriving education is at its best when there is a solid foundation of communication between home and school.

**Communication** We believe communication between home and school is a two-way street. We stay in touch with parents and family members in several ways including the following: student agendas, Tuesday Folders, fliers, campus marquee, newsletters, campus website, Connect-Ed automated phone calls or texts, and Parent/Teacher Conferences. Parents and family members may contact us through phone calls, notes, letters, emails, Tuesday Folders, student agendas Seesaw, and DoJo. 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 English. 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** 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. "Cookies with the Counselor" is held monthly and various topics are discussed including ways to help your child with homework, digital wellness, deployment, and bullying. Other classes will offer ways to help your child at home, including academic and behavioral strategies and how to stay current with new technology. 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. Send suggestions for learning topics to our Counselor / Parent Program point of contact. If parents would like to have regular meetings to make suggestions about their child's education, please contact Jo Wasson, VVES Principal at 254-336-1980.

**Little Vikings Early Literacy Club** Siblings of Venable Village Elementary students are invited to bring their parents to our Little Vikings Early Literacy Club. During Little Vikings time, our counselor and/or a representative from The Military Child Coalition provide activities that make learning a fun experience and gives parents tips on early reading activities to do at home. It is a great way to spend time with your child.

**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 and encouraged 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 (TEKS Resources) we use, academic assessments, and what our latest STAAR scores look like. We'll even provide snacks!

**Title I Program Evaluation** Our Title I program is evaluated several times a year by our Site Based Decision Making committee (SBDM), which must include at least two parent representatives. 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 Jo Wasson, VVES Principal. We value your opinions and welcome all parents who would like to serve. For parents unable to participate in SBDM, an annual 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. 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 on our website. 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.

**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 counselor at 254-336-1980.

**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 254-336-0240.