

# Haynes Elementary School

## Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2024- 2025

At Haynes, we provide a safe and welcoming environment for all. It is through the wisdom and compassion of our staff that positive relationships are built. Engaged learning results in significant academic growth as we prepare today's learners to become tomorrow's leaders.

Communication We believe in regular and professional communication between home and school. We communicate with families in several ways: weekly Tuesday Communication folders, flyers, campus marquee, monthly newsletters, campus website, Haynes and Killeen ISD Facebook pages, phone calls, notes, and emails.

Parents/guardians may contact us through phone calls, notes, emails, weekly Tuesday Communication folders and conferences. We strongly encourage parents to contact their student's teacher when there is a concern so we can work together to resolve the issue in the best interest of the student. Written materials will be sent home in English, however, parents can request written materials in languages other than English.

Parent and Family Member Learning We will help you understand the challenging Texas academic standards, share information about STAAR and KISD assessments, and explain how to monitor your child's progress. Other parenting sessions will be offered to address academic and social/ emotional topics. We understand that our families have varying needs, therefore we strive to schedule key meetings and parenting sessions at flexible times and dates to include morning and afternoon/evening sessions.

Annual Title 1 Meeting Our annual Title 1 meeting is held by October of every school year. This meeting is offered at flexible times and dates that are convenient to parents/guardians. All parents and family members are invited to attend. It is important for parents/guardians to know about Title 1 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. You will learn about the curriculum, academic assessments, and our latest STAAR scores.

Title 1 Program Evaluation Our Title 1 program is evaluated throughout the year by our Site Based Decision Making committee, which must include at least one parent representative. SBDM provides input on our Campus Improvement Plan and assists in making decisions about how Title 1 funds are spent. We value your opinions. An annual evening meeting is held for the purpose of evaluating the plan and gaining parent input for the upcoming year.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact 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. Both of these documents are posted on our campus website so parents, family members and the community have access to them. Our website will allow you to translate any posted information into languages other than English. The parent policy is also made available during our Annual Title 1 meeting and is included in our Student Handbook. Your child's teacher will contact you 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 school year, and throughout the year, a volunteer orientation is held to outline KISD policies. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office.

Staff Awareness Our campus staff receives training each school year about the value of parent and family member contributions at school. We emphasize how to professionally communicate and collaborate with parents as equal partners to make sure that all students are successful in their learning. Our staff is apprised of our various parent programs, their role in the implementation and coordination of the programs, and how they can encourage parent and family participation on campus.

KISD Parent and Family Member Classes KISD offers a variety of classes free of charge including English as a Second Language, computers, and GED preparation. Contact a school counselor at Haynes for more information at 336-6750.

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