

Fowler Elementary School's Title I Written Parent Engagement Policy 2020-21 School Year

Education is most successful when there is a strong relationship and communication between the home and school, therefore Fowler Elementary pledges to offer parents multiple opportunities to be involved. Here are some of those opportunities:

- **Annual Meeting:** At the annual Public Hearing held in the fall, we will provide parents with information about Title I guidelines, our campus strategies from the Campus Improvement Plan, the Written Parent Involvement Policy, and the Home-School Compact. Parents will have the opportunity to view the documents and make suggestions for any changes needed. There is also an individual question and answer session set for individual parents provided by the staff at Fowler.
- **Site Based Decision Making Meetings:** SBDM committee members to include Fowler staff, parents, a community member, and a business member will meet to review and discuss all campus activities directly related to the Campus Improvement Plan. The SBDM meetings are open to all parents. The meeting dates and times will be advertised using all available sources.
- **Parent Events:** Reading, Math, and Science events will be held each school year. The events will be announced in the monthly newsletter, Facebook, and on our school website. A Connect-Ed call or email is also sent to parents.
- **Volunteer Orientation:** At the beginning of each year; Fowler's volunteer coordinator conducts several sessions of volunteer orientation to acquaint all potential adult volunteers with the procedures to make this a success. Adults who did not have the opportunity to attend the first orientation may sign up in the front office for the next orientation. All volunteers must complete forms for a background check. All volunteers must pass the background check before working with the students. The district also provides additional information for parents. For more information about this training, you may contact the school counselor.
- **Communication:** At Fowler, we believe that clear communication is the foundation for a solid partnership with parents. We will strive to foster this vital communication through a variety of means, to include: fliers, calendars, teacher letters, monthly parent newsletters, student folders/planners, conferences, home visits, phone calls, outside marquee, Fowler's website, Home Access Center or Mobile Family App (to view your student's progress), Parent Connect-Ed (automated recorded phone messages) and articles in the newspaper. The Home Access Center requires parents to have an email address and Parent Connect-Ed requires parents to keep the phone numbers up to date in the office. For families without Internet access, we have laptops available in the front office for parents to use to access the Home Access Center, Meal Application and Volunteer Background Check Application. We encourage parents to contact their child's teacher when there is a problem. Parents should also feel comfortable to contact the principal if there is no resolution to the problem. There is also a sign-in procedure in place in the office to ensure safety of the students.
- **Types of Parent Involvement:** There are many ways a parent can be involved in supporting their child's education. It all begins with helping your child at home with homework, making sure he/she has a good nights' rest, and maintaining good teacher and parent communication through the Planner or Daily Folder. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the school by contributing their skills to the school. The students are always excited to see a volunteer at school. We have an active after-school tutoring program at Fowler. Parents are encouraged to

allow their child to stay after school for the extra help. The parents will also receive a letter from the district with information to connect to Home Access Center, which has the student attendance, and grades updated daily. The district also maintains a web site with all information about the district and campuses at www.killeenisd.org. Look for Fowler Elementary webpage under the “Schools” link on www.killeenisd.org.

- **Parent Right To Know**

As a parent or guardian of a student at Fowler Elementary School, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of your child’s teachers. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about your child’s classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
- The teacher’s college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications. If you would like to receive specific information about your child’s teacher or paraprofessional, please feel free to contact the campus principal.