



Ellison High School Parent and Family Engagement Policy For the 2024-2025 School Year

At Ellison High School, we are focused on doing what is best for students to create a challenging, positive learning environment where every Eagle grows every day. An education that is thriving is best when the foundation is solid with communication between home and school and where parents and family members are valued. Ellison High School pledges to offer parents and family members various opportunities to be involved. Here are a few of those opportunities.

Communication – At Ellison High School, we strongly believe that clear communication is the strong foundation for a solid partnership with our guardians/parents and family members. We will aim to uphold this vital communication through various means that will include:

- Phone calls-ensuring staff talks to a live person
- Campus Website
- Conferences
- Ellison Social Media Page
- Outdoor Marquee
- Fliers and letters
- Email
- Connect-Ed automated phone calls
- Schoology

Parents may contact us through phone calls, email, notes, letters or in person. We strongly encourage parents and family members to contact their student's teacher when there is a concern so we can work together to work and strive to do what is best for the student. Ellison believes that there should not be anything we cannot work out together for the good of the students. Written office correspondence will be sent home in both English and Spanish. If you need the correspondence to be translated into another language, please contact the school's office and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Parent and Family Member Learning – We will 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 current 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 alternative evening session. Send suggestions for learning topics to our Parent Program point of contact. If parents would like to have regular meetings to make suggestions about their child's education, please contact our Principal, Mr. David Dominguez or Dean of Instruction, Mrs. Angela Espada.

Annual Title I Meeting – A public hearing will be held at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year. This meeting is offered at times and dates that are flexible and convenient to our parents. All parents and family members are welcome and invited to attend. We want everyone to know about Title 1 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 we use, academic assessments, and what our latest STAAR scores look like. We'll even feed you delicious snacks!

Title I Program Evaluation – Our Title I program is evaluated several times a 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 I funds are spent. If you would like to serve on SBDM, please contact Mr. David Dominguez, Ellison High School Principal. We value your opinions and welcome all parents who would like to serve. For 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 – 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 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 in January. Both documents are posted on your 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 the 107 different languages. 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.

Volunteer Orientation – Throughout the year, Ellison's Volunteer Coordinator will conduct volunteer orientation to outline KISD policies. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Angela Espada at 254-336-2385.

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 of 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.

Ellison will continue to strive to maintain a dynamic learning atmosphere where students can achieve academic excellence and where parents and family members feel welcomed and valued. Please let us know how we can make this a continuing tradition. We appreciate you!