



JOHNSTON

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2021-2022 Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Mission:

To provide a safe, supportive and challenging academic community in which all students learn at their highest potential

Our Vision:

AS Johnston will be known by the character, growth, and academic success of its students.

Our Values:

Through the implementation of high impact teaching strategies and a collaborative culture, Johnston staff and students will commit to growing character and academic success.

A.S. Johnston Elementary recognizes that a child's education is a duty that is shared by the school and family. In order for our children to succeed, it is vital for all stakeholders to work together in a partnership.

An annual meeting will be held to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, to explain the Title I requirements, and the right of parents to be involved. A.S. Johnston Elementary will invite all parents and will encourage them to attend.

The annual Title I presentation for the 2021-2022 school year will be available on the school website on Friday, September 10 by no later than 6:00 PM. Physical copies of the contract will be available at the Parent Information Night on September 9, 2021.

Parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parental involvement policy and in the development of our school-wide program in an organized, positive, and ongoing way.

- ✓ Volunteers will serve on the Campus Improvement Committee (CIC) and Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).
- ✓ The CIC and PAC will meet various times a year to address campus needs as they relate to the school-wide plan and the Parental Involvement Policy.
- ✓ Parents will be given the opportunity to comment on the school-wide plan and Parental Involvement Policy when they are made public to the community.
- ✓ An annual review, evaluation, and revision of the Parental Involvement Policy and school-wide plan will occur in the spring semester and will include parents through surveys as well as the CIC.

All information about A.S. Johnston's Title I programs will be provided to parents in a uniform format, in English and Spanish, to meet the needs of our school community. Upon request, parents with disabilities will be provided information in alternative formats whenever reasonably possible.

Information will be provided in the following ways:

- ✓ Phone calls
- ✓ School Calendars
- ✓ School Messenger (Used most often)
- ✓ School meetings
- ✓ Social media, including School Website, Facebook, and Twitter
- ✓ Conferences with parents or guardians

Information provided to parents about the Title I programs will include a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, assessments, and achievement levels which children are expected to reach. The school will give parents this information in the following ways:

- ✓ The annual Title I meeting (Video presentation during Parent Information Night)
- ✓ Home-School Compacts
- ✓ School-wide parent teacher conferences, and individual conferences as needed
- ✓ Parent contact via phone calls and emails
- ✓ Title I meetings and Family Nights throughout the year
- ✓ Social Media – Facebook, Twitter, School Website
- ✓ Parent Information Nights
- ✓ Meet the Teacher Night
- ✓ Progress reports
- ✓ Report cards
- ✓ STAAR reports are usually included as a way to communicate students' progress, but because of COVID, the state test results were not counted for the spring 2021 testing period.

Opportunities for individual parent meetings to give suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children will be provided at the parent's request. Since we are operating during a pandemic, these meetings can be held virtually via zoom or in-person, whichever the parent desires. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

Parents who make requests will be given the opportunity to meet:

- ✓ Through a request to meet with the Title I Parent Liaison, Myrna Andolz, at 972-600-7700.
- ✓ Through meetings with the student's teacher which may include the Title I Parent Liaison, the Principal, and other staff as appropriate such as counselors or our new Student Champion assigned to Johnston, Ms. Melisa Hernández-Piña.

A.S. Johnston Elementary will assist parents by helping them to understand the state and district standards, the assessments and how to monitor their child's progress in the following ways:

- ✓ Various community resources
- ✓ Various family nights
- ✓ Teacher communications with parents
- ✓ Parenting classes

Monitoring of their child's progress is available in the following ways:

- ✓ Online grade book, HAC – Through your parent account, not necessarily your child's HAC account.
- ✓ Progress reports
- ✓ Report cards
- ✓ Parent-Teacher contacts (phone, e-mail, meetings)

Reasonable support for parental involvement activities will be provided.

- ✓ Funds are set aside for parental involvement and will be spent upon the agreed activities.
- ✓ Materials for the parent center will be provided as needed.

Community organizations and businesses are encouraged to participate in parental involvement activities.

- ✓ The parent involvement committee will form partnerships with various city and community stakeholders.

The Parent and Family Engagement Plan was developed by A.S. Johnston Elementary School Staff and a draft was presented to the Campus Improvement Committee in April, 2021.

The school will distribute this Parental Involvement Policy Plan to all parents and make it available to the community on or by September 9, physical copies and online by September 10, 2021.



Signature of Title I Authorized Representative

Signature of Parent or Guardian

September 9, 2021
Date

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