Weslaco Independent School District
Airport Elementary *"A Leader in Me School"*
Parental and Family Engagement Policy

2020- 2021

Airport Elementary believes that student achievement is directly linked to parent and family engagement. In addition, as a Leader in Me School, learning and practicing the 7 Habits of Happy Kids at school and at home will help develop good leadership skills and attributes.

It is the policy of the school to plan and implement, (with meaningful participation of parents, administrators, and teachers) programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in its Title I programs, thus complying with the *Every Student Succeeds Acts*.

The following expectations for parent and family engagement will be implemented.

● Conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time and or remotely, to explain to parents the program, its requirements, and their right to be involved.

● Offer a flexible number of meetings, childcare, or home visits to facilitate parent and family engagement.

● Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the parent and family engagement programs and student academic programs, including the school Parental and Family Engagement Policy.

● Provide parents with timely information about Title I programs; school performance profiles as required by law and their child's individual student assessment results along with an interpretation of the results.

● Provide parents with an evaluation after every meeting to provide feedback, suggestions and concerns to enhance student achievement.

● Address the importance of a two-way communication between teachers and parents on an on-going basis through the use of annual parent-teacher conferences, progress reports, and opportunities to volunteer. Conferences may occur virtually, face to face, and other communication platforms such as: Remind, Class Dojo, Zoom, Google meets.

● Discuss the Campus Compact during an individual parent conference, which outlines how parents, staff, and students will share the responsibility for improving student achievement.

● Provide Leader In Me- 7 Habits of Happy Kids training and awareness for parents. Students receive weekly lessons on the Leader in Me-7 Habits of a Happy Kids. They participate in various leadership opportunities (daily, weekly, campus wide).

● Ensure effective engagement and maintain a partnership among the school, parents, and community by:

   ○ Providing assistance to help parents understand the State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, and the requirements related to improve the achievement of their children.

- Providing material, training and assisting parents in working with their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology.
- Educating school staff on the value of parent and family engagement on how to work with parents as partners.
- Coordinating and integrating parent and family engagement programs, (parent center, literacy classes, academic workshops and parenting classes) for parents to learn more about child development and child rearing techniques.
- Ensuring that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand;
- Welcoming the contributions of parents, in the manner, which they are able (parents as learners, as teachers, as advisors, as supporters, and as communicators) as mentioned in the State parental Involvement Model.
- Collaborate with the community, organizations and business, to build better communication between them and the school.

Airport Elementary
Parent and Family Engagement Mission Statement

To build a partnership by collaborating and empowering parents, school and community to create
"A world of care and learning for every child… in every way."

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Campus Mission Statement

At Airport Elementary, we are a community of leaders.
We honor and celebrate the leaders within us always striving to attain our goals
by creating a culture of excellence.