



**BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
TITLE I-A FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY
2020-2021
SOUTHMOST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Southmost Elementary School is committed to providing quality education to every student in the district. Partnerships with parents and the community are essential to this goal as neither home nor school can achieve this goal independently. Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high student achievement. Parents play an important role as children's first teacher and their support is critical to their children's success. Southmost School intends to include parents in all aspects of the district's Title I-A programs to create a school-home partnership that will promote student success.

Grade level goals for all children in Southmost School will be distributed to parents with the expectation that *all* students will work toward these goals. Southmost School recognizes that some students may need the extra assistance of Title I-A programs to reach these goals and is committed to providing that support.

- After school and/or Saturday tutorials
- Migrant school supplies/clothing needs
- Tier I, II, and III
- Accelerated Reading
- 504/Dyslexia program
- Extended Day Enrichment Program
- Pre K-3

II. PARENT ENGAGEMENT IN DEVELOPING AND REVISING THE POLICY

Southmost School Parent Advisory Committee consisting of campus parents, teachers, principals and community members developed the District's Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The Parent and Family Engagement Department will annually form an Advisory Committee to review the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and to revise it as necessary. Special attention will be given to recruiting parent volunteers of children served in the Title I-A programs, with a goal of having at least two parents of each campus on the committee. The Title I-A Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be posted on the Campus websites.

- September 2020
- October 2020 / April 2021
- Fall 2020 / Spring 2021

III. ANNUAL TITLE I-A CAMPUS PARENT MEETINGS

Southmost School will ensure that this campus will hold two annual Title I meetings for parents. These meetings will be held during the fall semester. The purpose of the meetings is to provide parents with information regarding Title I-A guidelines and services offered utilizing Title I-A funds as stated in the current Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will also be distributed to parents. Parents will be given the opportunity to offer their suggestions for any revisions to the policy. Parents may also volunteer to serve on either the district-wide (DPAC) or individual school's advisory committee (SBDM) or both.

The annual Title I-A meetings will be held at flexible times to increase the opportunity for parental participation. English and Spanish translation will be available. Written notices in both languages will be sent to parents notifying them of the date and times of the meetings. Parent

volunteers, parent trainers, and parent liaisons will also contact other parents by phone regarding the meetings. Volunteers who speak both English and Spanish will make all contacts.

- September 2020
- October 2020

IV. SCHOOL-PARENT-STUDENT COMPACT

According to Title I-A regulations, Southmost School must share responsibility with parents for high student achievement by jointly developing a School-Parent-Student Compact. This compact must outline the responsibilities of parents, staff, and students for promoting high student performance. Parents on Southmost School Advisory Committee/SBDM must be involved in designing the compacts. Students' responsibilities may vary by grade level.

All parents will receive the compact from with a checklist of the responsibilities that teachers, parents, and students have for helping students achieve their goals. Southmost School will conduct a Parent-Teacher conference to discuss the responsibilities stated for all stakeholders in the S-P-S Compact.

Parents are urged to discuss the compact with their children before they and their children sign the document. The School-Parent-Student Compact will be posted on Southmost School campus website.

- September 2020
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V. TYPES OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Southmost School will provide opportunities for parent engagement to become involved in their children's education. Southmost School values both the at-home contributions of parents and those that take place at the school or in the community. Reading to children at home and talking with them at family meals are as important as volunteering at school and serving on advisory committees. Many types of family engagement are needed in school-home-community partnership to help all children succeed. In alignment with BISD's philosophy and mission, Southmost School Improvement Plan (CIP) must include a family engagement component. All parent and community volunteers must comply with the district policy regarding State of Texas background checks.

- Meet the teacher day
- Parents visiting the school
- Field Trip Day
- Weekly Parent Meetings (Parental Involvement Program)
- Fall and Spring carnival
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Christmas program
- UIL
- Parent volunteers
- SBDM Committee
- Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Six Weeks and End of the Year Award Ceremonies
- Nutrition Classes
- National Lunch Week
- Grandparents Day

VI. ADAPT PROGRAMS TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Each year Southmost School will assess the needs of parents and children in the community through a variety of measures, including parent surveys, so that Title I programs can be tailored to meet those needs. Workshops and other programs will be available to address the expressed needs. Parents will be notified of these opportunities by the individual schools.

Parents may also call the Parent and Family Engagement Department or Southmost School office to express an interest in a particular workshop topic or to make recommendations about the program.

- April 2021

VII. STAFF-PARENT COMMUNICATION

Southmost School informs parents of monthly activities and current issues through various means of communication including; announcements, telephone calls, conferences and the department website. Communication with parents should also include a school newsletter distributed by Southmost School at least four times a year. Notices sent home should be in both English and Spanish. Parents are encouraged to take the initiative in calling their child's teacher or campus administrator when they have a concern. Staff should receive training on techniques to improve home-school communication. Parents may participate in this training.

- School Flyers
- Letters
- E-mails
- Home visits
- Newsletters
- Marquee
- School Website
- Calendars
- Morning announcements
- School Messenger
- Social Media
- Class Dojo
- Remind
- Seesaw
- Google Classroom/Google Meets
- Virtual Parent Meetings

VIII. EVALUATION

The district-wide Title I-A Parent Advisory Committee, which includes parents of Title I, Migrant, Bilingual, Special Needs and GT students, will participate in the process of school review and improvement. This committee will collect information in a variety of ways, including campus visits and class observations.

Parents will also be asked for their input on the content and effectiveness of the Title I-A Parent and Family Engagement programs through an annual evaluation of the program. The evaluation will include an assessment of overall increases in family engagement and barriers to parental participation that still need to be overcome. Southmost School will review its Family Engagement Policy on the basis of this annual review.

- Fall 2020
- Spring 2021