



Title I, Part A Family Engagement District Policy 2024-2025

Whitehouse Independent School District is dedicated to working collaboratively with parents, families, students, the community, and other key stakeholders to enhance student academic success and social-emotional growth. We recognize parents as their child's first teacher and believe they are essential, valued partners in the educational journey.

Whitehouse Independent School District will engage all parents and family members by offering programs, activities, and procedures that encourage their involvement, in accordance with the requirements of ESSA Section 1116. These programs, activities, and procedures will be developed and carried out through meaningful consultation with the parents of participating students.

- WISD will ensure open, two-way communication between families and the district through a variety of methods, including email, newsletters, district and campus websites, social media, phone calls, and printed notices sent home or posted in the community.
- Parents are encouraged to proactively reach out to their child's teacher or campus administrator if they have any concerns.
- WISD schools will maintain a welcoming and safe environment for parents and families to visit the schools their children attend.

Whitehouse Independent School District receives Title I, Part A funds for all the elementary schools, and is committed to planning and implementing effective parent and family involvement activities aimed at improving student academic achievement and school performance. To support this goal, WISD will collaborate with parents and family members of participating students to develop, review, and distribute a written family engagement policy.

- The family engagement policy will be incorporated into the WISD District Improvement Plan (DIP), developed under section 1112.
- The policy will outline the district's expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family involvement.
- It will be posted on the WISD website for all families to access and review.
- Each Title I campus will develop a School-Parent Compact that defines the shared responsibilities of parents, staff, and students for improving academic achievement. This compact will be posted on the campus website for easy access and review by families.
- Each Title I campus will host a standalone annual Title I meeting for parents during the fall semester. The meeting will provide parents with information about Title I-A guidelines and services as outlined in the Family Engagement Policy. During this meeting, the policy will be distributed, and parents will have the opportunity to offer feedback or suggest revisions. The meeting will be scheduled at a convenient time, and all families of enrolled students will be invited and strongly encouraged to attend.

Whitehouse Independent School District will provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support to help build and strengthen the skills, resources, and processes of all Title I, Part A schools. This support will assist schools in planning and implementing effective parent and family involvement activities aimed at improving student academic achievement and overall school performance.

- WISD provides a district Family Engagement Liaison to support all Title I campuses.
- Ongoing professional development will be offered to all teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school staff to enhance their ability to engage with parents and communicate as equal partners.

Whitehouse Independent School District will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies under Title I, Part A with other relevant federal, state, and local programs, as appropriate. This includes public preschool programs and other initiatives designed to encourage and support parents in actively participating in their children's education.

- All WISD parents are strongly encouraged to volunteer at their child's campus.
- Parent and community volunteers must adhere to district policies, including completing required volunteer orientations and undergoing background checks in accordance with State of Texas regulations.

Whitehouse Independent School District will develop appropriate opportunities for parents and families to participate in parent and family engagement activities.

- WISD will reduce barriers to increase parent participation in activities, with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy skills, or belong to minority groups.
- WISD will recognize and support the needs of parents and family members in supporting their children's learning, including effective engagement with school personnel and teachers.
- WISD will implement strategies to foster positive and successful interactions between schools and families.

Whitehouse Independent School District will conduct an annual evaluation, in meaningful collaboration with parents and family members, to assess the content and effectiveness of the family engagement policy. This evaluation will focus on its impact on improving the academic quality of all Title I, Part A schools, including identifying areas for improvement.

In May, the Director of Federal Programs will distribute an **End of Year Family Engagement Survey** to all WISD families.

- Based on the feedback from the survey, the district will develop goals and strategies for the district improvement plan.
- WISD parents are encouraged to reach out to the Director of Federal Programs or their child's campus to suggest workshop topics or express interest in specific programs.
- WISD actively supports families in fostering their children's academic success both at home and in school, encouraging parents to serve as advocates for their children's learning.

WISD's Family Engagement Policy is a living document, regularly reviewed and updated to ensure we continue to build and strengthen trust, relationships, and partnerships with our students, families, educators, and community partners. Revised 11/18/24

To foster effective parent involvement and strengthen the partnership between schools, parents, and the community in order to enhance student academic achievement, Whitehouse Independent School District will:

- Provide support to WISD parents in understanding key topics such as state academic standards, state and local academic assessments, the family engagement program requirements, and how to monitor their child's progress in Skyward.
- Offer materials and training to help parents assist their children in improving academic performance, including using technology, where applicable, to promote active parent involvement.
- Educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, school leaders, and other staff—along with input from parents—on the value of parental contributions. This includes strategies for reaching out to, communicating with, and working with parents as equal partners.
- Ensure that all information related to school programs, meetings, and activities is communicated to parents of participating students in a format and language that is, to the extent possible, easily understood by the parents.
- Ensure all parents and family members receive timely information through email, mail, etc. concerning programming, IEP's, and activities for students with special needs and how to ask for and access testing.