

Brookesmith School (Main Campus)

2025-2026 PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Statement of Purpose

Brookesmith School is committed to the goal of providing a quality education for every child. In order to accomplish this goal, partnerships must be established with parents and the community. An established partnership promotes high achievement for our children. Neither home nor school can do the job alone. Parents/Guardians play an extremely important role as their children's first teachers. Our school recognizes and encourages parents in the four key roles that they play in their children's learning as:

- Teacher – helping their child at home,
- Supporter – contributing their skills to the school,
- Advocate – helping their child receive fair treatment, and
- Decision Maker – participating in joint problem-solving with the school at every level.

Parent Involvement In Developing the Plan

Brookesmith School is composed of parents, community members, school administrators, and district personnel. All of these members have direct input in developing the PFE Policy on an on-going basis. Comments from parent/teacher conferences, parent surveys, or other meetings to solicit input are used in the development and revision of this policy.

Brookesmith School Campus Family Engagement Policy

In order for our schools, parents, and students to share responsibility for high student achievement, the Brookesmith School Family Engagement Policy is reviewed annually by the Campus Site Based Committee. The Family Engagement Policy is posted on the Brookesmith ISD website and within the Campus Improvement Plan. This policy outlines school, parent, and student responsibilities necessary for effective learning to take place.

Types of Parental Engagement

The campus will provide technical assistance and other support necessary to help the school policy and implement effective parental engagement efforts. To support parents, Brookesmith School educates teachers on the value of working with parents and families in the community annually.

Supports Available to Parents

Realizing the value of parents and their contributions to the partnership of creating successful students, parental input will assist education personnel in building the relationship to strengthen ties between home and school.

- To support parents, Brookesmith School will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement through:
 1. Family Academic Night - Spring
 2. Fall and Spring Book Fairs
 3. Mandatory Parent-Teacher Conferences (Elementary only)
 4. Relaying messages and links to parents when Texas Education Agency or Region XV offers training to them.
- To support parents, Brookesmith School will help parents in understanding assessments and challenging state academic standards through:
 1. Family Academic Night - Spring
 2. Educate parents how to monitor their child's grades online
 3. Links to texasassessment.org and other STAAR practice sites
- Brookesmith School, to the best extent, will coordinate and integrate parent involvement and engagement programs across other programs for the convenience of parents and to use resources effectively. Brookesmith School offers the following opportunities for home-school partnerships that parents are encouraged to take advantage of throughout the school year:
 1. Mandatory Parent-Teacher Conferences once a year.
 2. PTC Organization
 3. District Site Based Committee
 4. Title 1 meeting
 5. LPAC training and meetings
 6. Brookesmith ISD website
 7. Parent Surveys
 8. sportsYou
 9. Class Dojo
 10. Remind/Facebook page

Coordination and Integration

Brookesmith School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other federal, state, and local programs. The school will also conduct other activities, such as parent resource platforms, that encourage and support parents in the education of their children by:

- Sending home district monthly newsletters that discuss the current happenings and important future information across the district.
- Communicating all school events to parents by hard copy, Remind, school website, and social media postings (including Class Dojo).
- Communicating all events involving parent training, input, or testing information from district, region, or state entities.
- Provide a variety of parent/family events at different times throughout the year.

Staff/Parent Communication

Communication with parents may come home in a variety of formats, such as, Remind App, emails, progress reports, conferences, phone calls, newsletters, memos, notes home, Class Dojo, sportsYou, Facebook or district website. Communication may be offered in languages other than English, if needed.

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Evaluation

Brookesmith School's Family Engagement Policy will ensure the parent program consists of effective and evidence-based strategies. Brookesmith School will utilize parent representatives and other stakeholders to evaluate its parent involvement activities, policies and compact. In late spring, parents are given multiple opportunities to voice their input through a forum and surveys. Stakeholder meeting(s) take place in May where parents are asked to jointly participate in the evaluation process and production of the finalized policy for the following school year.

The evaluation will specifically target:

- barriers to greater participation by parents/families who are economically disadvantaged, disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background
- identify needs of parents/guardians to assist with academics
- identify strategies to support successful school and family interactions