

2024-25 Frisco ISD Parent & Family Engagement Policy

Statement of Purpose

Frisco ISD provides quality education for every student in our district. The district develops and maintains partnerships with parents and families in all aspects of local, state, and federal programs. Establishing and maintaining open lines of communication expands and enhances learning opportunities and creates the best learning environment for every child.

Parent and Family Engagement Policies

The district and each Title I campus must have a Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The policies:

- Detail how the district or campus will effectively engage parents in their students' learning.
- Are jointly developed with parents.
- Are updated annually based on meaningful feedback from participating students' parents.
- Are distributed to all families annually.

Campus School-Parent Compacts

Each Frisco ISD Title I campus has developed and will update a School-Parent Compact annually. This compact:

- Provides information regarding how students, parents, families, and staff share responsibility for promoting student achievement.
- Are distributed at parent conferences at the elementary level.
- Are distributed electronically at the secondary level.

Title I Parent Advisory Council

The Frisco ISD Title I Parent Advisory Council comprises parents, district leaders, and school principals. They discuss the design and implementation of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and involves parents in developing and improving the District Title I program.

Annual Meeting for the Title I Parents and Families

Title I campuses hold at least two meetings annually to review Title I guidelines and services offered through this programming.

- Meetings are held at different times and days to accommodate parent and family schedules.
- Parents and families are notified of the meetings through flyers, email, and other public announcements and notices.
- Translators are available upon request.

At the meeting:

- The Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the campus Parent-Student Compact are shared.
- Parents and families are encouraged to become involved in revising and updating the policy by participating in Campus Improvement Teams.

Parent and Family Engagement Opportunities

Frisco ISD encourages parent and family engagement to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for students. Parents and families may:

- Contribute through volunteer programs.
- Participate in parent-teacher conferences.
- Attend school meetings.
- Serve on campus and district committees.
- Complete campus-based surveys.
- Eat meals with their children.

- Access the Parent Sanctuary and Lending Library.
- Attend activities at campuses.
- Participate in parent workshops to support student achievement.

Building Capacity for Parent and Family Engagement

Building the capacity of parents, families, and staff develops skills, abilities, processes, and resources to promote partnership for student achievement. The district provides multiple methods for building capacity for parents and family engagement:

- Assist parents and families in understanding state academic content standards and academic achievement standards, as well as local academic assessments, monitoring a child's progress, and working with educators to improve student achievement.
- Provide materials and training as necessary to help parents and families work with their children to improve achievement.
- Provide teachers, principals, and other staff training on ways to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents and families as equal partners.
- Provide parent and family engagement programs with prekindergarten programs.
- Provide a Parent Sanctuary and Lending Library at the Early Childhood School that all Frisco ISD parents and families can access.
- Provide information to parents and families in an understandable language as needed.

Staff and Parent and Family Communication

Parents and families are informed of school activities throughout the school year through various forms of communication. Newsletters, teacher notes, the school marquee, conferences, personal contacts, phone calls, websites, emails, written notices, coffee talks, and social media establish and maintain open lines of communication.

Interpretation and Translation Guidelines

Frisco ISD provides interpretation and translation services to support multilingual students and families. Translators are provided in an understandable language as needed.

Language Line Solutions assists staff at schools and district facilities in supporting interpretation and translation.

- Front desk staff at campuses and the administration building can access interpreters in more than 240 languages.
- Campus secretaries may share Language Line campus codes with any building personnel who need translation services to communicate with students or families.
- Campuses use Language Line Solutions for scheduled meetings, unscheduled visitor assistance, and during phone calls with families.
- Frisco ISD provides interpretation at meetings, including ARDs.

The Parent & Family Engagement Policy and the School-Parent Compact are translated into Spanish at all Title I campuses.

- Suppose the eSchool field for home language among the entire student population is greater than 25% for any one language at a Title I campus. In that case, the campus must translate the two policies into that language.

Please contact the School Supports Department for assistance with translation if needed.

Coordination of Programs

Parents and families will be consulted in designing, developing, and implementing the Title I Program at designated Title I campuses. They will also be invited to participate in workshops addressing areas of growth as identified in the campus improvement plan.

At the beginning of each year, teachers provide parents and families access to the learning goals and objectives that students are expected to work toward and master.

Frisco ISD recognizes that some students need modifications, accommodations, or extra assistance to maximize student achievement. These will be provided to students through the Title I Program and educational services offered through the district.

Evaluation

The Frisco ISD Title I Parent Advisory Council will review and evaluate all aspects of the parent engagement program annually. The annual evaluation will also identify barriers to greater participation by parents and families.

- Parent surveys with questions about the program's effectiveness will be distributed, and the results will be tabulated.
- Teacher surveys will be used to determine the number and kind of interactions between the school and parents.

The Frisco ISD Title I Parent Advisory Council will revise the district Parent and Family Engagement Policy based on the results of this evaluation.

- If necessary, the council will also redesign strategies for more effective parent and family engagement.

The Campus Improvement Team at each designated Title I campus will review staff and parent surveys, identify barriers to engagement, and, if needed, revise the campus Parent and Family Engagement Policy and redesign strategies for more effective parent and family engagement.