



Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2024-2025

Parent & Family Engagement (PFE) Program

What is it?

Waller ISD is dedicated to providing a quality education for every student in our district. In support of the district mission to enable today's students to thrive and compete in the "twenty-first century workplace," Waller ISD will develop and nurture partnerships with parents/caregivers, students, and community stakeholders. We strive to provide high-quality education individualized for each student by developing and maintaining relationships with families and the community. One way we continue to do this is by participating in the Title I, Part A State Program. This program provides funding for low socioeconomic schools. In return, school districts promise to meet the expectations laid out by the Texas Education Agency and the United States Department of Education.

Expectations & Objectives

Parents and families are a child's first teacher. Children imitate parents from the moment they are born. Therefore, a mutually beneficial relationship between school and home is in the best interest of every child. The expectation of our PFE Program is to foster communication and decision-making with parents about student performance and to collaboratively support learning. Our objectives are:

- effective two-way communication between school and home
- actively recruit parents/caregivers to participate in parent advisory capacity
- schedule meetings at convenient times and locations, including virtual meetings to participate in a comprehensive review of policy, budget, and programs for parent engagement
- establish PFE campus level contacts to implement parent engagement activities and initiatives
- offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and provide child care, or home visits, as such services relate to parental engagement
- facilitate communication between parents/caregivers and Title I campuses in native language as represented by district demographics

Waller ISD will:

- Create a Parent Engagement Committees (PEC) to plan, develop, evaluate, support, and revise school improvement plans
- Hold regular meetings where the PEC will seek input of families, community members and educators
- Distribute the PFE Policy, this document, to parents and the communities by:
 - Emailing it to all families using our mass notification system
 - Posting it on our district website, and keeping it up to date
 - Distributing printed copies to local organizations and businesses
 - Distributing a printed copy at parent-teacher conferences
 - Having printed copies and QR codes to the electronic version at the back to school fair, school's front office, parent centers, and all the school's annual meetings
- Provide the necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective PFE activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance
 - Have a representative at every school's annual Title I meeting
 - Have a representative at every school PFE event

- Per request, provide the qualifications of a child's teacher
- Conduct evaluations of PFE events through a short survey provided after every event at the district level and schools, collect and review that data, and give a report to the schools at the district PFE meetings
- Assist schools in the evaluation and revision of their PFE policy and school-parent compact
- Have the PEC evaluate the district Parent and Family Program and its policy throughout the year and revise it as needed
- Provide training to all district employees on the most effective PFE strategies
- Provide the following trainings to parents on how to navigate the school system (dates are subject to change; check the [PFE webpage](#) for updates & a full list of PFE events):
 - Welcome to Waller! Updates and Resources - Aug. 20 at 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. via Google Meets
 - [Parent University](#) - which includes trainings on Skyward Family Access, the Texas Assessment/STAAR Portal, Canvas, College & Career Readiness, and more, will be held via Google Meets to allow participants the opportunity to join the discussion from anywhere. Some sessions will also be offered in person to allow participants to engage hands-on.
 - Exploring Their Future for Junior High - Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. & at 6 p.m. via Google Meets
 - Exploring Their Future for High School - Dec. 10 at 9 a.m. & 6 p.m. via Google Meets
 - TELPAS Matters - Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. via Google Meets
 - Parent videos will be created on as many topics as possible to be emailed and posted on the website for those families who are not able to attend. Google Meet conversational sessions will be held throughout the year to provide families an opportunity for questions and answers regarding the recorded videos and other parent concerns.
 - All families are notified of district PFE events via email, text, website, and social media

Translation
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