

# Kenedy Middle School

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## **Title I Parent Involvement Policy Kenedy Middle School**

A strong partnership between the school and home is essential if a quality educational program is to be provided to all students. Kenedy Middle School is dedicated to the philosophy that parent involvement is integral to the success of each child. The district and schools will work with parents/caregivers to establish regular, two-way meaningful communication to ensure Parents/Caregivers:

- play a vital role in assisting their child's learning
- are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school; and
- are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Parent involvement may be defined as, but not limited to parenting, communicating, learning and home, volunteering, decision-making, and collaborating with the community.

Kenedy Middle School will continue to build its capacity for strong parental involvement. The partnership established between the school, parents/caregivers, and the community is essential in improving student academic achievement and overall school performance.

### **General Expectations**

Kenedy Middle School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

1. Kenedy Middle School will put into operation programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children. These programs will provide assistance to parents/caregivers, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
  - *Texas State Standards,*
  - *the District's curriculum that aligns with the content standards,*
  - *the state and local academic assessments,*
  - *how to monitor their child's progress, and*
  - *other topics related to helping parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, or other topics as parents may request.*

Information will be shared in a variety of ways to include but not limited to:

- Open Houses
- Teachers and administrators serving as liaisons for parent involvement, teacher quality, and student achievement
- School Based Parent Information Nights
- Social Media
- Letters home to parents in language that is spoken at home
- PTO Meetings

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2. In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, Kenedy Middle School will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1116 of the ESSA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand. Communication will be made available in a number of ways to include the following:
  - District Newsletters
  - Alert Now Phone Calls
  - School/District websites
  - Social Media
3. Kenedy Middle School will educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools by:
  - District Wide Open Houses
  - District Scheduled Staff Professional Development
  - PTO officer meetings and PTO meetings
  - School Counselor Training and Support
  - Parent Teacher Conferences
  - Monthly LPAC Meetings
4. To the extent feasible and appropriate, Kenedy Middle School will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:
  - Inviting parent organizations, such as PTO, to present at school based parent nights
  - Disseminate approved materials from parenting organizations
  - Invite parent organizations to display materials and answer questions at school family nights
  - Share links to local parent support organizations on school website.
  - Inviting parents to campus PTO game night
5. An annual review of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy, with the involvement of parents, will be conducted. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parent involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, or disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). Kenedy Middle School will utilize these findings about its parental involvement policy and activities in order to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (an with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies. This review will be accomplished through the following:
  - School based planning teams
  - Distribution of the school parental involvement plans for comment
  - Encourage parents to participate in District Site Based Meetings
  - PTO Participation
  - Parent survey available on KISD website
6. If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1116 of the ESSA, is not satisfactory to the parents of Kenedy Middle School students, Kenedy Middle School will submit any parent comments with the plan to the district.
7. Kenedy Middle School will incorporate the district wide parent involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1116 of the ESSA.

### **School Parent Involvement Policies**

Kenedy Middle School, along with parent input, will create and revise annually a Parent Involvement Policy. This policy will provide parents with the description of how each school will implement the required policy component. The School Parent Involvement Policy and the School-Parent Compact will be distributed to parents at the beginning of each school year and will be available on the school website.