

LA FERIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
TITLE I COMMUNITY & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY
La Feria High School
2020-2021

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

La Feria High School is committed to providing quality education to every student in the district. Partnerships with parents and the community are essential to this goal as neither home nor school can achieve this goal independently. Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high student achievement. Parents play an important role as children's first teacher and their support is critical to their children's success. LFISD intends to include parents in all aspects of the district's Title I programs to create a school-home partnership that will promote student success.

Grade level goals for all children in LFISD will be distributed to parents with the expectation that *all* students will work toward these goals. LFISD recognizes that some students may need the extra assistance of Title I programs to reach these goals and is committed to providing that support.

- **Highly Qualified Teachers**
- **Highly Qualified Instructional Aides**
- **Enrichment Classes (Career & Technology Education)**
- **Accelerated Classes (EOC's)**
- **Credit Recovery Classes (After School / Saturday School)**
- **Advance Placement**
- **Dual Enrollment**
- **ACT/SAT/TSI Waivers**
- **ACT/SAT/TSI preparation classes**
- **Tutorials (After School / Saturday Academies)**
- **Instructional Materials and Resources**

II. COMMUNITY & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN DEVELOPING AND REVISING THE POLICY

An Advisory Committee consisting of **La Feria High School**, parents, teachers, principals and community members developed the Campus Community & Family Engagement Policy. The Federal Programs Department will annually form an Advisory Committee to review the District's Community & Family Engagement Policy and to revise it as necessary. Special attention will be given to recruiting parent volunteers of children served in the Title I programs, with a goal of having at least three parents on the committee.

- **BOY – October 2020**
- **MOY – January 2021**
- **EOY – May 2021**

III. ANNUAL TITLE I CAMPUS PARENT MEETINGS

La Feria High School will hold an annual meeting for Title I parents. These meetings will be held during the fall semester. The purpose of these meetings is to provide parents with information regarding Title I guidelines and services and the **La Feria High School** current Community & Family Engagement Policy. Parents will be encouraged to offer their suggestions for any revisions to the policy.

The annual meeting will be held in the evening to increase the opportunity for parental participation. English and Spanish translation will be available. Written **notices** in both languages will be sent to parents notifying them of the date and times of the meetings. Community & Family Engagement Personnel will also contact other parents by phone regarding the meetings.

- **October 27, 2020**

IV. SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

According to Title I regulations, **La Feria High School** will share responsibility with parents for high student achievement by jointly developing a school-parent-student compact. These compacts must outline the responsibilities of parents, staff, and students for promoting high student performance. Parents and staff from each school must be involved in designing the compacts. Students' responsibilities may vary by grade level.

All parents will receive the compact from their child's school with a checklist of the responsibilities that teachers, parents, and students have for helping students achieve their goals.

Parents are urged to discuss the compact with their children before they and their children sign the document.

- **October 2020- Date Reviewed**
- **May 2021-Date Revised**
- **August 2021- Date Disseminated**

V. TYPES OF COMMUNITY & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Parents can become involved in their children's education through many different ways. **La Feria High School** values both the at-home contributions of parents and those that take place at the school or in the community. Reading to children at home and talking with them at family meals are as important as volunteering at school and serving on advisory committees. Many types of Community & Family Engagement are needed in school-home-community partnership to help all children succeed. All parent and community volunteers must comply with the district policy regarding State of Texas background checks.

- **Monthly Parental Meetings**
- **Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO)**
- **Technology Training**
- **EOC Training**
- **Health Fair**
- **Volunteer Training**
- **Nutrition Classes**
- **Parental Portal**
- **Anti-Bullying Presentations**
- **Arts and Craft Classes**

VI. ADAPT PROGRAMS TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Each year **La Feria High School** will assess the needs of parents and children in the community through a variety of measures, including questionnaires sent home to parents, so that Title I programs can be tailored to meet those needs. Workshops and other programs will be available to address the expressed needs. Parents will be notified of these opportunities by the individual schools. Parents may also call the LFISD Community & Family Engagement office or the individual school office to express an interest in a particular workshop topic or to make recommendations about the program.

- **Topic of Interest Parent Survey**
- **End of Year Parent Survey**
- **Monthly Parental Meetings Survey**

VII. STAFF-PARENT COMMUNICATION

The LFISD publishes a newspaper called “The Lion’s Roar” every six weeks to inform parents of activities that have been happening or will take place. Notices sent home should be in both English and Spanish. Parents are encouraged to take the initiative in calling their child’s teacher or campus administrator when they have a concern. Staff should receive training on techniques to improve home-school communication.

- **Monthly Flyers**
- **School Messenger**
- **Marquee**
- **Parent Meeting Banner**
- **Invitations for Meetings and Special Occasions**
- **Campus Website**
- **Cell Phone Texts**
- **Facebook/Twitter**
- **Google Classroom**

VIII. EVALUATION

Parents will be asked for their input on the content and effectiveness of the Title I Community & Family Engagement programs through an annual evaluation of the program. The evaluation will include an assessment of overall increases in Community & Family Engagement and barriers to parental participation that still need to be overcome. **La Feria High School** will revise its Community & Family Engagement Policy on the basis of this annual review.

- **May 2021– Conduct the evaluation**
- **July 2021 - Revise policy and compact**

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