



**BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
TITLE I-A PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY
2020 - 2021
DR. RUBEN GALLEGOS ELEMENTARY**



I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Dr. Ruben Gallegos Elementary 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. **Dr. Ruben Gallegos Elementary** intends to include parents in all aspects of the district's Title I-A programs to create a school-home partnership that will promote student success.

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

- After school tutorial until further notice
- Extended Day Enrichment program 2020-2021 until further notice
- PK- 3year old program 2020-2021
- Computer lab
- Library services

II. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPING AND REVISING THE POLICY

Dr. Ruben Gallegos Elementary Parent Advisory Committee consisting of campus parents, teachers, principals and community members developed the campus Parent and Family Engagement Policy. **Dr. Ruben Gallegos Elementary** will annually form an Advisory Committee to review the Parent and 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-A programs, with a goal of having at least two parents of each campus on the committee. The Title I-A Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be posted on the campus website.

- Meet the teacher night-August or September 2020
- DPAC review Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Virtual meeting

III. ANNUAL TITLE I CAMPUS PARENT MEETINGS

Dr. Ruben Gallegos Elementary will hold an annual Title I meeting for parents. These meetings will be held during the fall semester. The purpose of these meetings is to provide parents with information regarding Title I-A guidelines and services offered to students utilizing Title I-A funds as stated in the current Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The Family Engagement Policy will also be distributed to parents.

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Parents will be given the opportunity to offer their suggestions for any revisions to the policy at a set meeting. Parents may also volunteer to serve on the district-wide or individual school's advisory committee or both.

The annual Title I-A meeting will be held at flexible times 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. Parent volunteers, parent trainers, and parent liaisons will also contact other parents by phone regarding the meetings. Volunteers who speak both English and Spanish will make all contacts.

- **Title I parent meeting Fall 2020 Virtual Meeting**

IV. SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

According to Title I-A regulations, **Dr. Ruben Gallegos Elementary** must 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 on **Dr. Ruben Gallegos Elementary** Advisory Committee will be involved in designing and reviewing the compact. 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. The School-Parent-Student Compact will be posted on the campus website

- **Student compact will be disseminated to parents, August 2020 school website**
- **Open House October 2020**
- **DPAC review Fall 2020 and Spring 2021**

V. TYPES OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Dr. Ruben Gallegos Elementary will provide opportunities for parent engagement to become involved in their children's education. **Dr. Ruben Gallegos Elementary** 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 parental involvement are needed in school-home-community partnership to help all children succeed. In alignment with BISD's philosophy and mission, the **Dr. Ruben Gallegos Elementary** Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) includes a parental involvement component. All parent and community volunteers must comply with the district policy regarding State of Texas background checks

- **Parent meetings** meeting will be virtually until further notice
- **Enrichment classes**
- **Nutrition classes**
- **Community presentations**
- **Parent Center**
- **Budget for parent meetings**

VI. ADAPT PROGRAMS TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Each year **Dr. Ruben Gallegos Elementary** 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 Parent and Family Engagement Department to express an interest in a particular workshop topic or to make recommendations about the program.

- **Fall 2020**
- **Spring 2021**

VII. STAFF-PARENT COMMUNICATION

Communication with parents may include a school newsletter distributed by each school at least four times a year. Notices and activity packets sent home with children, telephone calls, conferences, and home visits will promote school-home communication as well. 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. Parents may participate in this training.

- **School marquee**
- **Fliers, monthly calendar**
- **Home phone calls, home visits**
- **School messenger**
- **Parent-teacher conference**
- **Update Gallegos website and include social media to communicate with parents.**
- **"Facebook Gallegos Elementary Parents", Class Dojo**

VIII. EVALUATION

The district-wide Title I-A Parent Advisory Committee, which includes parents of Title I, Migrant, Bilingual, Special Needs and GT students, will participate in the process of school review and improvement. This committee will collect information in a variety of ways, including campus visits and class observations.

Parents will also be asked for their input on the content and effectiveness of the Title I-A Family Engagement programs through an annual evaluation of the program. The evaluation will include an assessment of overall increases in family engagement and barriers to parental participation that still need to be overcome. **Dr. Ruben Gallegos Elementary** will revise its Family Engagement Policy on the basis of this annual review.

- **Spring 2021**

