



Raymond Elementary School

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Raymond Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy ESSA Section 1116 2022-2023

Raymond Elementary School is committed to the education of the children in our community. We feel parent and family engagement is an essential piece in ensuring that our students are successful in school. It is our mission to produce a community of life-long learners. It is our pledge to maintain a good line of communication from school to homes and our goal to provide ample opportunities for parental involvement throughout the school year.

POLICY INVOLVEMENT AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Raymond Elementary will jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) policy.**

Raymond Elementary will invite families and community members to join a Family and Community Engagement Committee that will work together to review and revise the policy to reflect the needs of the students and the vision of the campus. The revised policy will be distributed in English and Spanish to parents and the community by flyers sent home with students, through Remind 101, Talking Points, email, and will be made available on the school website.

- 2. Raymond Elementary will hold an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend.**

Raymond Elementary will hold an annual fall meeting to discuss the school's participation in the Title 1 program. Additional meetings and activities will be scheduled throughout the school year for parents and community members to attend. Meetings will be held virtually and/or face to face in accordance with Aldine and CDC guidelines.

- 3. Raymond Elementary will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide transportation, childcare, or home visits as requested.**

Raymond Elementary will hold meetings and workshops that reflect the needs and interests of families and community members. Meetings will be held on various days at times that reflect morning and afternoon availability such as Coffee with the Principal, Fall and Spring Open House, and Academic Nights. Meetings will be held virtually and/or face to face in accordance with Aldine and CDC guidelines.

- 4. Raymond Elementary will involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs including the school's PFE Policy and Campus Improvement Plan (CIP).**

Raymond Elementary shall offer a flexible number of meetings and invite parents to participate. Meetings at the beginning and the end of the school year will be held to review and revise the PFE and CIP to reflect the changing needs of the campus

- 5. Raymond Elementary will provide parents of participating children timely information about its programs, a description and explanation of the curriculum, forms of academic assessment, and the State's academic standards.**

Raymond Elementary shall involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of programs. Parents are invited to annual revision meetings to examine and discuss our Campus Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The school's parent council consistently reviews school policy in an organized, ongoing and timely way. An organized PTO has been established in our school to create a forum for parental input and involvement. Our PTO affiliation connects our school to parent and family engagement resources at the state and national level. Trainings and workshops are scheduled throughout the year and the Parent and Family Engagement program and activities are guided by parent input and survey data. These opportunities will be scheduled in the mornings or evenings. If additional assistance is needed as it relates to parental and family engagement, we will make every effort to service those needs.

- 6. If the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, parent comments on the plan will be submitted to the Local Educational Agency (LEA).**

The CIP is presented and explained to the parents in a "Coffee with the Principal" or Title I Parent meeting. If parents have negative comments, these are given to the principal who will present them to the LEA office.

- 7. To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Raymond Elementary will assist parents of participating children in understanding the State's academic standards, State and local academic assessments, and learning how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the child's achievement.**

Raymond Elementary will provide several communication techniques such as our District and Campus Handbook, Campus Improvement Plan, School Newsletters, School Website, School SMORE, Parent Link (phone call system/Remind 101), Parent/Teacher Conferences, IEP Meetings, individual notes/calls home, Family Academic Nights, parent workshops, Open House, Progress Reports, Report Cards, benchmark results, BOY-MOY-EOY scores, etc. to solicit parent participation and deliver important information in hopes of creating productive dialogue between home and school concerning improved student achievement.

8. Raymond Elementary will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement:

Family Literacy Nights engage parents with activities integrating reading and writing to help their children at home. Parent/teacher conferences can also provide families with support to improve student learning. The monthly newsletter contains links to resources and practices that can be used in the home to encourage parental involvement.

9. Raymond Elementary will educate teachers and other personnel on how to communicate with, and work with parents and families, to implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school.

Staff development held at the beginning of the school year addresses this topic with staff. Other training opportunities are held throughout the year during faculty meetings and district staff development days.

10. Raymond Elementary will coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

Raymond Elementary will provide many opportunities and events for parents to volunteer or get involved throughout the school year such as: **FACE University workshops and trainings, Fall Carnival, Storybook Parade, Thanksgiving food drive, Winter Concert, Father/Daughter and Mother/Son dances, Academic nights, Field Day, etc.**