

## **Klein Road Elementary School Parent & Family Engagement Policy**

At Klein Road Elementary School, we recognize that parent & family engagement is an important aspect of effective schooling. The school and the home cannot be looked at in isolation from one another; families and schools need to collaborate to help children adjust to the responsibilities of being successful students. Research has shown that parent & family engagement contributes greatly to student achievement and conduct.

The staff at Klein Road Elementary School believes that we should help parents develop skills to meet the basic obligations of family life and foster conditions at home which emphasize the importance of education and learning. Two-way communication about school programs and students' progress is promoted due to the belief that education is a responsibility shared with parents. Parents are invited to actively participate in school decision making. Parents are also encouraged to develop their leadership skills in governance and advocacy by attending school board meetings and getting involved in the Parent Teacher Association.

Through conferences and newsletters, parents are provided with timely information about curriculum, assessments, and student proficiency levels. This will ensure that the school remains focused on our primary responsibility to provide a high-quality curriculum and instructional program in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables all students to meet academic expectations set forth in the Texas State Standards.

At Klein Road Elementary School, we believe that the parents have the responsibility and opportunity to work with the school in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership with the goal of helping their children succeed in school. We are committed to increasing parent & family engagement, which will ultimately improve student achievement.

## **PART I GENERAL EXPECTATIONS**

Klein Road Elementary School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school will jointly develop with parents and distribute to parents of participating children, a Parent & Family Engagement Policy that the school and parents of participating children agree on.
- The school will notify parents about the Parent & Family Engagement Policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, will distribute this policy to parents in a language the parents can understand.
- The school will make the Parent & Family Engagement Policy available to the local community on the campus webpage.
- The school will periodically update the Parent & Family Engagement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- The school will adopt the school's school-parent compact as a component of its Parent & Family Engagement Policy.

## **PART II DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS**

1. Klein Road Elementary will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its Parent & Family Engagement Policy under code policy section ESSA 1116.

- On an annual basis, the Campus Improvement Committee will revise the Parent & Family Engagement Policy with input from parents and community members.

2. Klein Road Elementary will take the following actions to distribute to parents of participating children and the local community, the Parent & Family Engagement Policy:

- During fall Parent Conferences the School-Parent Compact and Parent & Family Engagement Policy will be discussed. Information will be sent home to parents who are unable to attend.
  - The Parent & Family Engagement Policy will be published on the district's website.
3. Klein Road Elementary will update periodically its Parent & Family Engagement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school:
- The Campus Improvement Committee will annually review the Parent & Family Engagement Policy for any issues to include but not limited to academic achievement, safety needs, and program needs.
4. Klein Road Elementary will convene an annual meeting.
- Notification will be sent home prior to the meeting. The meeting will take place at Open House on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 (PM), in person, and again on Monday, October 2, 2023, virtually (AM).
5. Klein Road Elementary will provide information about Title I Programs to parents of participating children in a timely manner.
- For the 2023-24 school year, the campus will be using Title I funds to provide struggling students with Reading and Math support from Intervention Teachers and Instructional Aides.
  - For the 2023-24 school year, the campus will be using Title I funds to provide struggling students with Reading, Math and Science instructional materials.
6. Klein Road Elementary will provide to parents of participating children a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the form of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet:
- Summaries of grade level expectations will be presented and discussed by each teacher at Open House and/or parent/teacher conferences.
  - Results of district and state assessments will be made available to parents via progress reports, parent conferences, and online at <https://www.texasassessment.gov/>.
7. Klein Road Elementary will incorporate the school-parent compact as a component of its Parent & Family Engagement Policy:

- The school-parent compact will be reviewed annually by the Campus Improvement Committee.
  - The school-parent compact will be distributed and reviewed with parents and students at Fall Parent Conferences.
8. Klein Road Elementary will submit to the district any parent comments if the school wide plan under ESSA section 1116 is not satisfactory to parents of participating children:
- The parents will be directed to write a letter to the Principal with their concerns.

**PART III**  
**SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC**  
**ACHIEVEMENT**

9. Klein Road Elementary will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parent & family engagement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:
- The campus will hold a Family Night to provide information about various curricular areas and strategies for improving student achievement.
  - The campus will encourage participation of all parents through the PTA.
  - The campus will utilize parents as volunteers in classrooms to support teachers in material management, individual or group reading support, science lab support, extracurricular support etc.
10. Klein Road Elementary will incorporate the school-parent compact as a component of its Parent & Family Engagement Policy.
- The School-Parent Compact will be discussed by all stakeholders at Fall Parent Conferences.
11. Klein Road Elementary will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school.
- Parents are always welcome to join in activities on campus before, during, and after school.

12. The school will, with assistance of its district, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parent & family engagement.

13. The school will, with the assistance of its district and parents, 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:

- Ongoing professional development training throughout the year
- Customer service training for our office staff
- Fostering family engagement opportunities

#### **PART IV ADOPTION**

This Parent & Family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by minutes of: Parent/Teacher Association meeting on August 4, 2023.

This policy agreed upon will be adopted for the 2023 - 2024 school year and will be reviewed annually.

This school will inform and distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children during Fall Parent Conferences.

It will be made available to the local community during the Fall semester. Klein Road Elementary notification to parents of this policy is found in the School-Parent Compact in a language the parents can understand.