



ROMULO D. MARTINEZ ELEMENTARY



Parental Engagement Policy 2020-2021

Mission Statement

R. D. Martinez Elementary's mission is to recognize the importance of developing the whole child. We will provide a nurturing environment, the challenge to excel and the opportunity for each student to reach his or her highest level of academic achievement. All stakeholders will ensure a school environment in which children will develop into lifelong learners.

Vision Statement

R.D. Martinez Elementary's vision is to create a challenging environment through the development of appropriate differentiated instruction. All learners are encouraged to be responsible, cooperative and caring citizens of our community.

PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

The **R.D. Martinez Elementary** agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- Consistent with section 118, the school will work to ensure that the required school level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118 of the ESEA and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- Schools will notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A, parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in language parents understand.

- If the school-wide program plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1114(B) of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the local educational agency (school district).
- The school will involve the parents of children served in the title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the 1 percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- The school will build its own and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, 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.
- The school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 of the ESEA as the parents may request.
- The school will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring-

(A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;

(B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;

(C) that parents 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;

(D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOLS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. The R.D. Martinez Elementary will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school parental involvement plan under section 1118 of the ESEA:
 - Invite parents to review policy yearly.

2. The R.D. Martinez will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
 - SBDM (site based decision making committee)
 - SPTSO (student, parent, teacher, support organization)

3. The R.D. Martinez Elementary will hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right for parents to be involved in the Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a time convenient for parents and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible attend. The school will invite parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting, and will encourage them attend by:
 - Flyer
 - Remind 101
 - Web posting

4. The R. D. Martinez Elementary will provide parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet by:
 - Conduct curriculum nights for parents
 - Parent program parents meeting
 - AB Honor Roll Student Curbside

5. The R.D. Martinez Elementary will at the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible by:
 - Providing parent representation on campus by SBDM (site based decision meeting committee)
 - SPTSO (student, parent, teacher, support organization)

6. The R.D. Martinez Elementary will provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading by :

- Sending performance reports to parents (I station, STAAR, TELPAS, AR)
- Report card pick up
- Scheduling parent conference with teacher
- Skyward
- AR home connection

7. The R.D. Martinez Elementary will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph---

- The state’s academic content standards,
- The state’s student academic achievement standards,
- The state and local academic assessments, including alternate assessments,
- The requirements of Part A,
- How to monitor their child’s progress, and
- How to work with educators:
 - Curriculum nights
 - Parent meetings (district)
 - BooHoo-Woohoo breakfast

8. The R.D. Martinez Elementary will 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 parental involvement by:

- AR/ Reading night
- Technology meetings (district)

9. The R.D. Martinez Elementary will, with the assistance of its 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 to parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and school, by:

- Encouraging staff to attend district PI training- i.e. Blue ribbon customer service, effective parent conference.

10. The R.D. Martinez will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parent as Teachers Program, public preschool, and other programs. The school will also conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

- Hosting Pk/Kinder transition event
- Boohoo-woohoo breakfast for new parents to R.D. Martinez

11. The R.D. Martinez Elementary will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent- programs meetings, and other activities is sent to parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

- Provide parents notices in English and Spanish
- Campus Website
- Remind
- Event Flyers
- School Marquees
- Social Media
- Google Classroom
- Skyward

PART III. ADOPTION

This School Parental Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with parents and staff of **R.D. Martinez Elementary** in Sharyland ISD on **October 15, 2020**, and will take effect for the **2020-2021 school year**.