

Sabinal Independent School District

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2023 - 2024

VISION STATEMENT

Providing an exemplary education.
Leading to a successful future.

MISSION STATEMENT

Making excellence an everyday event.

BOARD GOALS

1. SISD will increase academic achievement for all by providing a rigorous curriculum, with high academic standards, based on assessment of student progress.
2. SISD will maintain an education environment defined by high expectations that promote responsibility and accountability of all stakeholders while embracing a “culture of caring” through strong partnerships between the district and the community. Expectations include volunteerism and student participation that extends beyond the classroom.
3. SISD will provide opportunities for all students to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for College and Career Readiness with opportunities to acquire Industry Based Certifications
4. SISD will cultivate a well-rounded education by nurturing a student’s critical thinking, problem solving, creativity and more, so they can make informed decisions when facing life’s challenges and respond accordingly.

CORE BELIEFS

- We believe that each individual is unique.
- We believe character values are the building blocks of a prosperous life.
- We believe in a strong work ethic.
- We believe mutual respect is the foundation for a safe and nurturing environment.
- We believe that helping one another strengthens our community.
- We believe education is a shared responsibility throughout the community.
- We believe effective communication is vital to success.
- We believe that life-long learning cultivates personal growth.
- We believe that everyone deserves access to a quality education.
- We believe that in failure there is opportunity for growth.

SISD will involve parents in the joint development of the of its district-wide family engagement policy under section 1116 (b)(1) of the ESSA, including the district's parent and family engagement policy process will be jointly developed with and agreed on with parents under section 1116(a)(2) of the ESSA:

All school districts receiving Title I, Part A funds are required under Section 1116(b)(1) of ESSA to develop a written family engagement policy for the district that establishes the district's expectations and specifically describes how the district will meet the required components of the policy.

The District Improvement Team (DIT), composed of SISD employees, parents of students enrolled in the district, business representatives and community members, met on November 15, 2022 to review and edit the SISD Parental and Family Engagement Policy.

This policy was accepted by the Sabinal Independent School District on November 15, 2022. The school district will post this document on the district's website making it available to all parents of the participating Title 1, Part A children.

Individual Campus Parental and Family Engagement Plans have been developed and are available on each campus' website and handbook.

SISD will conduct with parents an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served under this part, including:

- The identification barriers to greater participation by parents in activities authorized by this section (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background).

- 1) SISD will communicate with parents to the extent feasible in English, Spanish and/or home language.

- 2) SISD will provide translators as needed.

- 3) District meetings will be planned at convenient times and locations to accommodate all stakeholders.

- The use of evaluation findings to design strategies for more effective parent involvement.

- 1) Administration may conduct a Title I survey for the annual evaluation of the Title I Program. The findings may be used to design strategies for more effective parent involvement and for improvement of the instructional program.

- The revision of the family engagement policy/procedures as necessary.

- 1) The SISD Parental and Family Engagement Policy will be reviewed and approved annually by the DIT committee in the spring.

- 2) Each Campus will review and update their own Campus Family Engagement Plan.

SISD will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to

improve student academic achievement and school performance.

Administration will hold annual meetings with Title I principals to review Title I requirements.

Principals will need to create electronic folders in Google Drive to organize required documentation.

SISD will allocate Local and Title I funds for Parental and Family Engagement.

SISD will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong family engagement.

Campuses will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children.

- 1) Will provide parent brochures in English and Spanish.

- 2) Will engage in development of annual Family Nights at Title I campuses.

SISD may coordinate and integrate family engagement strategies under other programs such as the Head Start/Advance program, etc.

SISD will involve parents in the activities of the schools served under Title I.

Parents will be informed of SISD activities through the district website, flyers sent home, electronic mail, and class boards and through social media.

Parents will be invited and encouraged to attend the District Improvement Team, School Health Advisory Council, and other district-level meetings.

PTO and Parent Volunteers, will serve as an active organization for parent participation at the Title I campuses.