

Montague Village Elementary

Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024

Montague Village Elementary takes pride in doing what is best for students while promoting a love of learning and academic growth. All parents/guardians and family members are welcomed and valued. Partnerships help support an educational program that honors diversity while enhancing the students' academic abilities. Students will engage in superior and relevant learning opportunities that prepare them for success.

We stay in touch with parents and family members in several ways: Class Dojo, weekly take-home folders, fliers, KISD TV channel, campus marquee, grade-level newsletters, campus website, Connect-Ed automated phone calls, notes, letters, emails and phone calls from a real, live person.

Parents and family members may contact us through phone calls, notes, letters, emails, weekly take-home folders and class Dojo. We strongly encourage parents to contact their student's teacher when there is a concern so that we can work together for the good of the student. Written materials will be sent home in both English and Spanish. If we need to translate things into another language, please contact the school office. We'll do our best to accommodate you.

Parent and Family Member Learning We'll help you understand the challenging Texas academic standards, give you information about STAAR and KISD assessments, explain how to monitor your child's progress, and how to work with teachers as a team to help your student succeed. Other classes will offer ways to help your child at home, including how to stay current with new technology. We understand that our parents work, attend school, or have other responsibilities that limit their schedules. To encourage parent involvement and engagement, we strive to schedule key meetings and classes at flexible times and dates to include a morning and an afternoon/evening session.

Title I Annual Meeting Our annual Title I meeting is held in September of every school year. This meeting is offered at flexible times and dates for your scheduling convenience. All parents and family members are invited to attend. We want everyone to know about Title I and how we use these funds to ensure that students are successful. We'll discuss the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the Home-School Compact, "Parents Right to Know" and how you can be involved in your child's education. You'll learn about the curriculum we use, academic assessments, and what our latest STAAR scores look like.

Title I Program Evaluation Our Title I program is evaluated several times a year by our Site Based Decision Making committee, and all parents are invited to participate. SBDM provides input on our Campus Improvement Plan and assists in making decisions about how Title I funds are spent. If you would like to serve on SBDM, please contact the campus principal. We value your opinions and welcome all parents who would like to serve. For parents unable to participate in SBDM, an annual evening meeting is held for the purpose of evaluating the plan and gaining parent and family member input on changes for the upcoming year. Note, if for some reason the CIP is not satisfactory to parents, comments about the CIP will be submitted to the KISD Coordinator for State and Federal Programs.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact The annual review of our Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact occurs each spring. Parents and family members are a desired and required part of this process. We meet to discuss and make any changes to these documents for the next school year. Both documents are posted on our campus website so that parents, family members and the community have access to them. The parent and family engagement policy is also made available during our Annual Title I Meeting and is included in our Student Handbook. Your child's teacher will contact you soon to arrange a conference to discuss the Home-School Compact and to give you more information about your child's achievement. Parents have the right to participate in decisions relating to their child's education.

Volunteer Orientation At the start of every new school year, and throughout the year, our volunteer coordinator conducts an orientation to outline KISD policies. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Hamilton at 336-2230. Volunteer opportunities include: media center visits for teaching supplies to be created, library, at home projects such as cutting out laminated items and creating instructional materials as needed, cafeteria lunch monitoring of students, working with

students in the classroom, book fair. Volunteers do not typically help in their child's class unless the teacher has a special project he/she may need help with.

Staff Awareness

Our campus staff receives training each school year about the value of parents and family members to increase student achievement at Montague Village. We encourage staff members to reach out to parents to partner in his/her child's education. Our staff is kept up to date on various parent programs, their role in the implementation of the programs and how to encourage parents to participate.

KISD Parent and Family Member Classes KISD offers classes free of charge for English as a Second Language, computers, and TxCHSE (GED) preparation. Empowered Parents workshops and the Parent Academy are also available. In addition, parents may attend and participate in the KISD Parent Advisory Council. Contact the Special Programs Department for more information at 336-0211/0240.