

Roy J Smith Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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Mission Statement

Teach so that students learn to their maximum potential.

Smith Vision

Roy J. Smith Middle School will be a student-centered environment that achieves high educational standards by promoting critical thinking, encouraging collaboration, and fostering cultural and social awareness.

Core Values

Determination

Integrity

Respect

Beliefs

We believe learning involves a strong partnership between the students, school staff, and parents. Parent and family engagement is a key part of the success of our students. Research studies consistently show that high student achievement and self-esteem are closely related to positive parental participation in education. We encourage our parents to be involved in many ways and at all levels.

Communication Parents and family members may contact us through phone calls, notes, letters, and emails. 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 standard, give you information about STAAR and KISD common assessments, explain how to monitor your child's progress, and how to work with teachers with new technology. We understand that our parents work, attend school, or have other responsibilities that limit their times and dates to include a morning and an afternoon/evening session. Send suggestions for learning topics to our Parent Program point of contact.

Title 1 Annual Meeting Our annual meeting is held in August 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 1 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 to numerous meetings throughout the year, offered at different times throughout the day. Roy J Smith Middle School recruits parents for our SBDM during registration, family nights, volunteer opportunities, and open houses. SBDM provides input on our Campus Improvement Plan and assists in making decisions about how Title I funds are spent. We encourage all parents to get involved and as many as possible to serve on the decision-making committee. Contact the campus principal if interested.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact We need your help! 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 changes to these documents for the next school year. Publicity about this meeting will be available in January. Both documents are posted on our campus website so that parents, family members and the community have access to them. Our website will allow you to translate any posted information into one of 107 different languages. The parent and family engagement policy is also available during our Annual Title I Meeting and is included in our Student Handbook.

Volunteer Orientation At the start of every new school year, and throughout the year, our volunteer coordinator conducts a volunteer orientation to outline KISD policies and procedures. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our volunteer coordinator at 336-1050.

Staff Awareness Our campus staff receives training each school year about the value of parent and family member contributions at school. We stress how to reach out to, build ties with and work with parents as equal partners to make sure that all students are successful in their learning. Our staff is kept up to date on our various parent programs, their role in the implementation and coordination of the programs, and how they can encourage parent and family participation.

KISD Parent and Family Member Classes KISD offers class fee of charge for English as 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