

San Jacinto Jr. High

Parental Involvement Policy 2011-2012

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, each school that receives Title I, Part A funds must develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents of participating children a written parental involvement policy that contains information required by section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) (parental involvement policy).

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PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

San Jacinto Junior High agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- Consistent with section 1118, 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. (**See Enclosure**)
- Schools will notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the 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 limited 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 Midland Independent School District.
- The school will involve the parents of children served in 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.



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- The school will build its own and the 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 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.



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

The School Parental Involvement Policy must include a description of how the district will implement or accomplish each of the following components. [Section 1118, ESEA.] There is no required format for these descriptions. However, regardless of the format the district chooses to use, a description of each of the following components below must be included in order to satisfy statutory requirements.

1. **San Jacinto Junior High** will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school parental involvement plan under section 1118 of the ESEA:
 - a. *CEIC*
 - b. *PTA*
 - c. *Beginning/end of school survey*
 - d. *ParentLink-meeting notification*

2. **San Jacinto Junior High** will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
 - a. *End of school survey*
 - b. *CEIC*
 - c. *Title 1 parent meeting*
 - d. *School report card (AEIS) meetings*
 - e. *PTA newsletter*
 - f. *Campus web page*
 - g. *Open House*
 - h. *Teacher/ Parent Conferences*



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3. **San Jacinto Junior High** 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 of parents to be involved in 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 are able to attend. The school will invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting, and will encourage them to attend, by:
 - a. *Parent Connect*
 - b. *Message on Report Card*
 - c. *Newsletters*
 - d. *Web pages*
 - e. *Student Involvement in Presentation*
 - f. *ParentLink*

4. **San Jacinto Junior High** 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:
 - a. *Campus web page*
 - b. *Open House*
 - c. *Sixth grade parent orientation*
 - d. *Parent/student handbook*
 - e. *Gradespeed Access*
 - f. *Tutorial schedules*
 - g. *Parent/Teacher Conferences*
 - h. *Progress Reports*
 - i. *Report Cards*



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5. **San Jacinto Junior High** will provide opportunities for meetings for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible by:
 - a. *Providing parent/students/staff survey results*
 - b. *CEIC communication*
 - c. *Acknowledging Parent Concerns with written/oral communication*
 - d. *PTA communication*
 - e. *Campus web page*
 - f. *CIP updates*

6. **San Jacinto Junior High** 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:
 - a. *Mail Student Confidential Report to Parents*
 - b. *Grade Placement Committee meetings for 8th graders who do not meet minimal expectations*

7. **San Jacinto Junior High** will take the following actions to provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002) by:
 - a. *Mail notification of the nonqualified teacher to parent/guardian.*

8. **San Jacinto Junior High** 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:



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- a. *Title I information meeting*
 - b. *Provide information on local, regional, and state conferences*
 - c. *Campus report card (AEIS) meeting*
 - d. *Open house*

9. **San Jacinto Junior High** 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:
 - a. *Counseling staff*
 - b. *District provided training*

10. **San Jacinto Junior High** 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:
 - a. *Translation in native language with assistance if requested*
 - b. *Technology assistance*



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PART III. DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

NOTE: The School Parental Involvement Policy may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school district, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school and school system to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under section 1118(e) of the ESEA:

- Providing reasonable and necessary transportation and child care to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions;
- training parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;
- arranging school meetings at a variety of times, or conducting in-home conferences between teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children, arrange meetings with parents who are unable to attend conferences at school in order to maximize parental involvement and participation in their children's education;
- establishing a Title I advisory committee including parents to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs;
- developing appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities.

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PART IV. ADOPTION

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by The agenda and sign in sheet of the CEIC meeting held on May 18, 2011.

This policy was adopted by San Jacinto Junior High on May 18, 2011 and will be in effect for the period of 2011-2012. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before September 1, 2011.

(Signature of Authorized Official)

(Date)



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