

Family Engagement Plan

The MVISD Parent and Family Engagement program works with and encourages families to develop positive relationships and promote engagement within the campuses and community to ensure the best academic support for all students. Our mission is to support the school and community to engage families to ensure student academic achievement.

A family engagement plan is to assist the district in achieving and maintaining high levels of family engagement and confident family perspectives towards education.

DEFINITIONS

Family Engagement - The mutual responsibility of families, schools and communities to build relationships to support student learning and achievement, family well-being and the continuous learning and development of children, families and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated in the child's education experience, supports the whole child and is both culturally-responsive and linguistically-appropriate.

Family - Adults responsible for the child's care and children in the child's life who support the early learning and development of the child.

Six Expected Components of the Family Engagement Plan

The family engagement plan shall:

1. Facilitate family-to-family support
2. Establish a network of community resources
3. Increase family participation in decision-making
4. Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning
5. Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks
6. Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement

#1 MVISD will Facilitate Family-to-Family Support by:

Providing planned family events, where families will be united and provided opportunities to interact with one another. These opportunities will be facilitated by district and campus events to create risk free opportunities for families to interact with one another in a positive and welcoming atmosphere.

Events and trainings include but are not limited to:

- **Join PTO—Attend quarterly meetings**
- **Parent/Guardian Orientation /Open House**
- **Parent/Guardian Education surveys**
- **Parent/Guardian/teacher conferences—1st and 3rd 6 Weeks. Title I Compacts are Reviewed with parents/guardians & students.**
- **Attend special programs/activities held on campus**
- **Campus/District committees (DWAC, CPOC, CNA/CIP)**
- **Eat lunch with students**
- **Male role models are encouraged to join Watch DOGS**
- **Attend Fall Title 1 meeting**
- **Parent ESL classes**
- **Parent and Family Engagement trainings**
- **Spring Health Fair**
- **Statewide Parent Involvement Conferences**
- **Parent Engagement Summits at ESC 20**

#2 MVISD will Establish a Network of Community Resources

Identifying current partnerships:

MVISD partners with Community and Faith-Based organizations to extend resources that provide services to the students, in an effort to equip parents and caregivers in identifying and appreciating the developmental growth of their child.

Some of the resources are:

- **United Methodist Church of Castroville, TX**
- **Tirado Group**
- **Broadway Bank**
- **Baptist Church of Castroville, TX**
- **San Antonio Food Bank**
- **K-Star**
- **St. Vincent de Paul**
- **The Jesus Church**

#3 MVISD will Increase Family Participation in Decision-Making

MVISD encourages parents, families, and guardians on campus and district decision-making. Their combined input, ideas, and plans are crucial for continued academic improvement and success of all students.

Parents, families and guardians are invited to participate and serve on the following committees and support groups:

- **Campus/District committees**
 - **District Wide Advisory Council (DWAC)**
 - **Campus Performance Objective Committee (CPOC)**
 - **Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA)**
 - **Campus Improvement Plan (CIP)**
 - **Comprehensive School Health Advisory Committee (CSHAC)**
- **Family advisory group (PAC meetings formerly PIC meetings)**
- **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) support group**

#4 MVISD will Equip Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning by:

MVISD equips families with a variety of not only community and school resources but with hands-on-trainings throughout the campuses to keep families in touch with their child's academic progress. These are extra tools to help them be better equipped with knowledge to be able to help their children to continue to be successful at home as well as in the community.

- **Workshops and programs will be tailored to meet the unique student and parental needs of the community.**
- **Parent/guardian meetings and training—Computers are provided on campus for parents to check student grades & attendance.**
- **Provide materials that parents/guardians can use at home with their children**
- **Math, Literacy and STEM Night Trainings. Not only will the student have the chance to improve on knowledge of his/her curriculum but parents will be trained on strategies to help their child at home (i.e. how to check for comprehension, how to help their child become a more fluent reader, what are math strategies and how to use them, etc.)**
- **Parent and Family Engagement workshops and trainings sponsored by ESC 20 (many of these are FREE and the district may provide transportation with advance notice)**

#5 MVISD will develop Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Practices that Support Families in Meeting Children's Learning Benchmarks

MVISD's goal is to frame the importance that parents and families have in their child's education and to bring awareness of the Parent and Family Engagement Program, Federal requirements and guidelines so parents know their rights and responsibilities to their child's academics success.

- **Beginning of the year district wide staff training on parent and family engagement (PIES training)**
- **Region 20 workshops and trainings (for parents and staff members)**
- **Statewide Parental Involvement Conferences (for parents and staff members)**
- **New teacher academy training on parent and family engagement**
- **Staff development offered at administrator, faculty and department meetings**

#6 MVISD will Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Using Evaluations for Continuous Improvement

Trainings, workshops, meetings, and parental involvement activities are followed with an evaluation or survey which provides parents the opportunity to express their views and needs on the value of the activity.

- **Informal and formal evaluations**
- **Anonymous parent surveys provide crucial input as they allow the opportunity for them to express their true ideas, concerns, etc., to better help the district/campus plan, develop and implement programs.**
- **Climate survey for parents**
- **Sign-in sheets**