

Brady Independent School District Parent & Family Engagement Policy

Statement of Purpose:

The **Brady Independent School District** intends to follow the Parent & Family Engagement Policy in accordance with ESSA (*Every Student Succeeds Act*).

Policy Guidelines

1. Involve parents in the joint development of the district's written Parent & Family Engagement Policy under section 1112 of the ESEA and the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:

- *Convene an annual meeting in May of each year for parents for providing general operation of the Title I Parent involvement component and for the development of the district Title I Parent & Family Engagement Policy.*
- *A flexible number of meetings will be offered.*
- *Translators will be available, and handouts will be printed in English and Spanish.*
- *Agendas from Parent Family Engagement Meetings will be posted online.*

2. Provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to participating schools in planning and implementing effective Parent & Family Engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

- *Provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, and as necessary, parents with disabilities, including providing information and school reports in a language and form parents can understand.*
- *Inform teachers, school personnel, and administrators on how to improve Parent & Family Engagement and work with parents as equal partners.*
- *Ensure that school-parent compacts are being used to outline responsibilities of the school, staff, parents and students in striving to raise student achievement and explain how an effective home-school partnership will be developed.*

3. Build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong Parent & Family Engagement:

- *Provide information in such areas as understanding the state academic standards, assessments, curriculum, the requirements of Title I, and working with school staff to improve the achievement of students.*
- *Involve parents in the joint development of the school's Parent & Family Engagement Policy, school-parent compact and, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs.*
- *Coordinate and integrate Parent & Family Engagement activities on each campus.*
- *Offer a flexible number of meetings, to maximize the opportunities for parents to participate in school related activities.*

4. Conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent & Family Engagement:

- *The district will conduct an annual survey. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to participation by parents in Title I activities. The results of the evaluation will be used to make Parent & Family Engagement more effective.*

5. The school district will be governed by the following statutory definition of Parent & Family Engagement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition: Parent & Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

- *that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- *that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*
- *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;*
- *the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA*

- Parent & Family Engagement in District Improvement Plan
- Assistance to school to implement Parent & Family Engagement activities that improve student performance
- Coordination of Parent Family & Engagement strategies
- Assist schools in building capacity
- Conduct annual evaluation of content and effectiveness
- Involving parents in activities of schools