

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

School Name	Kirby Middle School	School Year
School Principal	Mrs. Rosas-Saunders	August 2023 - May 2024
School Website	judsonisd.org/kirby	

What is Title I?

Kirby Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards and enhancing efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents, a written Parental Engagement Policy.

Mission

Our mission at Kirby Middle School is to create and maintain an educational environment that empowers our students to become lifelong learners who use high-order thinking skills as determined by the TEKS and other National Standards. Our students will apply knowledge to become contributing members of a global society and have the ability to achieve success in high levels of education. We will create a community of support with individualized interventions that will guarantee the success of every student.

What is a Parent & Family Engagement Policy?

This is a plan that describes how Kirby Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Kirby Middle School values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways

that Kirby Middle School will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

Parents will participate by:

- o Ensuring that children get to school daily and on time
- o Communicate regularly with school personnel
- o Attend parent/teacher meetings
- o Supporting the school and district policy

Offer flexible meeting opportunities

- o Staff is available during their conference periods as well as before and after school.
- o Meetings are held at various times throughout the year, day and evening to accommodate varying schedules

Involve parents

- o Parents are involved through written/oral communication (teacher and campus-based)
- o Parents have access to teachers and administrators to express views and receive information

Providing timely information

- o Three-week student progress reports
- o Quarterly report cards
- o Campus-wide notices
- o Campus marquee
- o School Information posted on the campus website and social media
- o Teacher communication
- o Parent Portal via Skyward

Providing for parent comments

- o Community surveys

- o Email
- o Consistent open-door policy by the administration

Building capacity for engagement

- o Parent/Teacher Conferences
- o Family Engagement Events
- o Counselor /Social Worker availability for parents

Educating school personnel

- o Parent survey
- o Campus Improvement Team
- o Parent Volunteers
- o Parental involvement in celebrations

Coordinating and Integrating

- o Parents regularly volunteer to assist students in a variety of forums – classroom and campus-wide activities.
- o Each teacher incorporates in their classroom management plan a means of consistent and timely parent communication.
- o Counselor /Social Worker consistently utilizes outside agencies for the provision of information AND assistance for families.

Providing opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities and/or parents of migratory children

- o All parents are invited and encouraged to participate in school activities – regardless of language or disabilities.
- o Special education parents are introduced and, at their discretion, have access to the services of a parent liaison.
- o All parents have access to the use of Spanish-speaking individuals for interpretation.

School-Parent Compact

As part of this plan, Kirby Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on the feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Parent Engagement Team Meetings.

2023-2024 JISD District Goals

- o Effective instruction
- o Involving families and communities
- o Positive school culture
- o Leadership
- o Customer service

2023-2024 Kirby Goals

- o Kirby Middle School is committed to growth! Once we have our official STAAR scores and Accountability report, we will update this section.

