



Magnolia Independent School District

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Rationale

Magnolia Independent School District acknowledges that the responsibility for children's educational development is a collaborative enterprise among parents, school staff, and community members. In order to support the district's goals of all students achieving their maximum academic potential and all members of the learning community being partners in the continuing improvement of the educational system, MISD will establish and strengthen partnerships with parents. Although our families are diverse in language, culture, and needs, they share the district's commitment to the educational success of all students.

Policy

The District will establish programs and practices that enhance family involvement and reflect the specific needs of students and their families. Programs will be available which involve parents in a variety of roles. The family involvement programs will include the following components:

- Communication between home and school will be frequent, two-way, and meaningful.
- Responsible parenting will be promoted and supported.
- Parents will be treated as collaborators in the educational process, with a strong complementary role to play in their children's school learning and behavior.
- Parents are encouraged to comment on school policies, share in the decision making, and will receive timely response to their suggestions.
- Every aspect of the district climate will be open, helpful, and friendly.
- The staff embraces a philosophy of partnership with all families.
- Community resources will be available to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.
- Parents will be provided with the school performance profiles and assistance with interpreting their child's individual assessment results.
- Parents will be provided a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

We recognize the importance of periodically assessing the changing needs of the community and our families through surveys, focus groups, parent meetings and other strategies. The information that is compiled will assist us in the design and implementation of parental involvement activities that are comprehensive and effective.