

Alvord Elementary School

2023-2024 Parent and Family Engagement Policy & Program

What is it?	<p>Alvord Elementary School (AES) believes partnerships between parents, students, teachers, and the community are vital to the success of our students. Our school receives Title I, Part A funding, and in return, we promise to meet the expectations laid out for us by the Texas Education Agency and the United States Department of Education. AES must conduct, with the meaningful involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy, identify any barriers to greater participation by parents/families, identify the needs of parents/families to assist with the learning of their children and identify strategies to support successful school and family interactions.</p>
Outcomes	<p>Parents and families are a child’s first teachers. They imitate you from the moment they are born. Therefore, a mutually beneficial relationship between school and home is in the best interest of every child. Our efforts are intended to foster communication and decision-making with parents about student performance and to collaboratively support learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Effective two-way communication between school and home is linked to a higher completion rate on homework, better attention during instructional tasks, increased participation by all parties, and improved interactions and relationships between parents, teachers, and students. ➤ If a child’s parents are more involved in school experiences, the child is more likely to have higher grades, improved behavior, better attendance, higher social skills, and adaptation. ➤ Learning together leads to a better school and home life. ➤ Being a life-long learner can prevent some health issues that often occur later in life.
AES will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Include parents on the Campus Needs Assessment Committee and involve parents in the annual improvement planning process (assess needs, develop a plan, evaluate the outcomes, and as necessary, revise the improvement plan.) ➤ Regularly seek the input of parents, families, and community members ➤ Distribute the PFE Policy, this document, to parents and the community by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Post it on our district website, and keep it up to date DEIC - Alvord ISD ○ Provide hard copies at School-Family meetings and events. ○ Display the policy on the TVs in the AES Foyer & AES Gym ➤ Involve parents in the annual evaluation of the PFE policy, school-parent compact, and Parent and Family Engagement Program ➤ Provide training for employees on the most effective PFE strategies. ➤ Per request, provide the qualifications of a child’s teacher. ➤ Plan and implement effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

<p>School-Family Meetings</p>	<p>School-Family meetings and activities offer time for the school and family to communicate necessary information. AES schedules a variety of meetings and activities throughout the year, at different times for family convenience. The Annual Title I meetings will take place at least twice a year and will be incorporated into school-family meetings such as Meet the Teacher and Grade Level Parent Meetings. Title I information is available on the school website and displayed on the TVs in the AES foyer and AES Gym. Hard copies of the PFE policy and compact are provided at school-family meetings.</p>
<p>How to be involved at the school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Serve on the District of Education Improvement Committee (DEIC) or the Campus Needs Assessment Committee (CNA) ➤ Attend School-Family Meetings and Activities ➤ Attend Grade Level Parent meetings. ➤ Attend Parent Teacher Conferences ➤ Attend Rise and Shine Events hosted monthly in AES Gym ➤ Talk to your child’s teacher about how to help/volunteer in the classroom.
<p>School-Family Trainings/Activities</p>	<p>AES provides opportunities for parents and family members to learn new knowledge and skills from other parents, community members, and educators. The schedule and locations will be communicated via the Parent Square system and posted on our school website. Examples include the AES Block Party at the beginning of the year (Meet and Greet for parents, students, and staff) and Curriculum Nights.</p>
<p>Curriculum</p>	<p>AES utilizes the following curricula. More information is available on request; please contact the campus principal with any questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Houghton Mifflin Harcourt ➤ McGraw-Hill Education ➤ Istation ➤ Studies Weekly (Science/Social Studies) ➤ Reading Horizons (Phonics) ➤ Exact Path

Forms of Academic Assessments	<p>AES administers a variety of assessments to monitor student progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Universal screeners in grades PreK-2 ➤ Diagnostic assessments to gain baseline data and help teachers prioritize their instructional planning ➤ Formative assessments to check for understanding (exit tickets, independent practice, quizzes, and unit tests) ➤ Interim STAAR a few times per year to measure student progress. ➤ The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) program includes annual assessments for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ mathematics in grades 3–5 ○ reading language arts (RLA) in grades 3-5 ○ science in grade 5
Expected Achievement Levels on Academic Assessments	<p>The STAAR program measures student mastery of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) curriculum standards. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) are the state standards for what students should know and be able to do. The State’s Performance Standards can be found on this website: https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/staar/staar-performance-standards.</p> <p>AES tracks each child’s growth throughout the year via local assessments (mentioned above). Campus Care Team Meetings take place every six weeks to go over student data. AES sends 3-week progress reports and 6-week report cards to parents via the Parent Square system. Hard copies are available upon request. Parents can also access grades anytime throughout the year via Parent Portal.</p>
How to Request a Meeting with the School	<p>Parents and family members can bring any suggestions, ideas, or concerns to the school at any time. Should you need to meet with the campus principal or your child’s teacher at a specific time, please email that individual person to set up a time to meet. You can find the email address for AES staff on the school website: Staff Directory - Alvord Elementary School (alvordisd.net) We welcome any ideas, feedback, and concerns as we want our school to be a place where everyone feels safe and welcome.</p>
Compact	<p>The School-Parent Compact is posted on the AES/AISD website. DEIC - Alvord ISD</p>

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