

## Alvord ISD

### 2023-2024 Parent and Family Engagement Policy & Program

<b>What is it?</b>	Alvord ISD believes partnerships between parents, students, teachers, and the community are vital to the success of our students. Our district 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. Alvord ISD 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.
<b>Outcomes</b>	<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"> <li>➤ 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.</li> <li>➤ 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.</li> <li>➤ Learning together leads to a better school and home life.</li> <li>➤ Being a life-long learner can prevent some health issues that often occur later in life.</li> </ul>
<b>Alvord ISD will:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Include parents on the District Education Improvement Committee (DEIC) and involve parents in the annual improvement planning process (comprehensive needs assessment, improvement plan development, evaluation of the plan, and as necessary, revision of the improvement plan).</li> <li>➤ Regularly seek the input of parents, families, community members, and educators</li> <li>➤ Distribute the PFE Policy, this document, by posting it on our district website, and keeping it up to date: <a href="#">DEIC - Alvord ISD</a></li> <li>➤ Involve parents in the annual evaluation of the PFE policy and Parent and Family Engagement Program.</li> <li>➤ Provide training for every district employee on the most effective Parent and Family Engagement strategies.</li> <li>➤ Per request, provide the qualifications of a child’s teacher.</li> <li>➤ Alvord Elementary School will plan and implement effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.</li> </ul>
<b>School-Family Engagement</b>	School-Family Meetings offer a time for the school and family to communicate necessary information. Each campus hosts School-Family Engagement opportunities throughout the year. Different meeting times are offered for family convenience. Alvord Elementary School incorporates Annual Title I meetings into existing events such as the AES Block Party and Meet the Teacher.

<b>How to be involved at the school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Join the District Education Improvement Committee (DEIC) or Campus Education Improvement Committee (CEIC)</li> <li>➤ Attend School-Family Meetings, Training, and Activities</li> <li>➤ Talk to your child’s teacher about how to help/volunteer in the classroom or at school activities.</li> </ul>
<b>School-Family Trainings/Activities</b>	<p>Alvord ISD will provide opportunities for family members to learn new knowledge and skills from other parents, community members, and educators. Each campus hosts School-Family training and activities throughout the year. Different meeting times are offered for family convenience. Parents will be notified via ParentSquare and social media platforms, and events will be posted on the school website. <a href="#">Home - Alvord ISD</a></p>
<b>Curriculum</b>	<p>Alvord ISD provides teachers and staff with a variety of curricula and resources to ensure that all children receive a high-quality education and close the achievement gap between children meeting the challenging State academic standards and those children who are not meeting such standards. Please contact your child’s campus administrator with any questions.</p>
<b>Forms of Academic Assessments</b>	<p>Alvord ISD administers a variety of assessments to monitor student progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Universal screeners in grades PreK-2</li> <li>➤ Diagnostic assessments to gain baseline data and help teachers prioritize their instructional planning.</li> <li>➤ Formative assessments to check for understanding (exit tickets, independent practice, quizzes, and unit tests)</li> <li>➤ Interim STAAR a few times per year to measure student progress.</li> <li>➤ The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) program, includes annual assessments for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ mathematics in grades 3–8</li> <li>○ reading language arts (RLA) in grades 3-8</li> <li>○ science in grades 5 and 8</li> <li>○ social studies in grade 8</li> <li>○ end-of-course (EOC) assessments for Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology, and U.S. History.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ PSAT, SAT, ACT, ASVAB, &amp; TSI</li> </ul>
<b>Expected Achievement Levels on Academic Assessments</b>	<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: <a href="https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/staar/staar-performance-standards">https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/staar/staar-performance-standards</a>. Alvord ISD tracks each child’s growth throughout the year via local assessments (mentioned above) and regularly shares information about student progress with parents (3-week progress reports, 6-week report cards).</p>
<b>How to Request a Meeting with the School</b>	<p>Parents and family members are encouraged to share suggestions, ideas, or concerns with the school at any time. Should you need to meet with the administrators 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 staff on your child’s campus website. We welcome any ideas, feedback, and concerns as we want our school to be a place where everyone feels safe and welcome.</p>
<b>Compact</b>	<p>The School-Parent Compact is posted on the Alvord ISD website: <a href="#">DEIC - Alvord ISD</a></p>