

Meridiana Elementary
Title I Parent Involvement Policy
2020-2021

Statement of Purpose

Meridiana is dedicated to providing a quality education for every student in our school. To accomplish this objective, the school will develop and maintain partnerships with parents/caregivers, patrons, and community members. Through this united community effort, students become successful and productive citizens.

Staff will work to design and implement the Parent Involvement Policy. Meridiana will publicize the policy via the school's website and a copy will also be included in the student's handbook.

District Expectations for Parental Involvement

Alvin ISD annually hosts three Parent Involvement District meetings with parent representatives from each Title I Schoolwide Campus. Parents review policy and guidelines and are updated on any current changes. Title I Campus Representatives meet jointly with the parents in May to discuss policy and evaluate the program. Representatives are encouraged to visit the school to gain information, actively volunteer, and attend meetings and events.

Meetings are held at the administration building at a convenient time. Notice of the meeting will be provided through the invitation to parents and public notices. Translators will be available at the meetings upon request.

Note: Meridiana will host one parent information meeting annually to review Title I policies and guidelines.

School-Parent Compacts

Teachers at all Title I Schoolwide campuses (including Meridiana) are required to hold annual parent/teacher conferences to discuss students' progress and participate in the School-Parent Compacts which is required by federal law. The compact outlines parents', staff, and students' responsibility for sharing the promotion of high student achievement. Parents, students, and staff are required to sign an acknowledgement of receipt and parents are encouraged to discuss this with their students.

Parent Communication

Parents of limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children are provided information and school reports in an understandable and uniform format in a language parents understand. This includes parent newsletters, brochures, forms, and documents pertaining to Title I components.

Parental Involvement Activities Provided at Meridiana

Meridiana will provide opportunities for parents to become involved in the learning experience of not only their child, but for all students. Some of the ways parents can be involved at Meridiana include:

- Bluebonnet Field Trip
- Book It Reading Program
- Box Tops
- Buddy Fun Day
- Campus Improvement Committee
- Career Days
- Character Dress-up Day
- Chess Club
- Choir Concerts/Musicals
- Classroom Parties: (Christmas, Valentine's, and End of the Year Party)
- BooHoo Breakfast (PK and K) 1st Day of School
- Destination Imagination (Parents have the opportunity to volunteer to help DI teams)
- Family Fun Night
- Field Trips
- Fundraisers
- Graduation (K)
- Grandparents' Breakfast
- Meet the Teacher Night
- Mighty Milers
- Mommy Makeover- Kindergarten
- Muffins for Moms
- Open House
- Parent Conferences
- Parent Sponsored Luncheons for Teachers
- Parent Volunteers (copying, making die-cuts, etc.)
- Product Fair
- PTO- meetings
- Pumpkins on Parade
- Red Ribbon Week
- Re-shelving library books
- Santa Pictures
- School Store- PTO parents
- Science Fair

Soccer Club
Spirit Nights
Student Council
Talent Show
Texas Public School Week
Thanksgiving Lunch
Two Book Fairs
U.I.L.
Volunteer Meeting
Watchdogs (for Dads)
Water Day

Parental Notifications

Meridiana provides notification of upcoming events, parent conferences and opportunities for parent involvement through diverse communication channels including:

Notices on the school marquee
Monthly Newsletters
Student Planners/Take Home Folders
Parent Conferences-Parents may sign up for conferences at Open House, through a note home, or they may receive a phone call about when it is best for them to schedule a parent conference.
Bloomz
Calendars
Weekly School Newsletters “Explorer News” sent by email (principal)
Grade Level Newsletters sent by email through Skyward (by teachers)
AISD Community News
PTO Facebook Page
AISD Twitter Feed
PTO Notifications
Sign-up Genius
E-mail or Phone Calls
Notices sent home- School wide notes are sent home when there is a special event going on at school such as Spirit Day, early dismissal, etc.
Skylert
Highly Qualified Teachers Letter

Parent Input

Parents will be provided with opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions, share ideas, and to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.

Parent Complaints

Parents who have a concern or complaint need to take it to the teacher first. In the event that the teacher cannot assist in solving the issue, the complaint goes to the Assistant Principal. If there is still no resolution, the Principal will be brought in to resolve the situation. Parents always have the right to go to district personnel if they deem necessary.

Evaluation

Alvin ISD will conduct an annual parent survey to evaluate school programs and parent involvement opportunities. Surveys will be sent out at the end of each school year for parents to complete and return for review. The Parent Involvement Advisory Committee will conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parental Involvement Policy and revise as necessary.