



Dickinson Independent School District

Kenneth E. Little Title I Parent Engagement Policy

2018-2019

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The DISD Board of Trustees, in collaboration with the administration and staff of K.E. Little Elementary, continue to focus on the importance of family and community involvement and engagement. K.E. Little Elementary strives to create and maintain a welcome atmosphere for parent and community involvement on all district sites. Our campus encourages meaningful collaboration with all stakeholders so that communication between home, school and the community is continuous and open. In order to ensure greater opportunities for student success, KELES supports:

- Strong parent involvement activities for all campuses,
- A positive working relationship between educators and families of all student groups and
- Diverse communication channels between school and families.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Annually parents and school staff will work to revise and improve the District and Campus Parent Involvement Policies. The format and language of this policy is designed to be easily read and understood. Copies will be available on the district's website and are available to parents and other members of the community upon request.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING/EVALUATION

Dickinson ISD uses Title I funds to provide school wide services for students on 13 campuses. K.E. Little Elementary is one of those 13 campuses. The K.E. Little Campus Improvement Committee will hold at least one meeting annually to review Title I, Part A parent involvement guidelines and services offered through the district. The meeting will be held at a convenient time and location. Notice of the meeting will be provided through invitation to parents and public notices. Copies of the K.E. Little Parent Involvement Policy will be distributed and discussed at the meeting. Parents, administration, staff, and community members will be encouraged to become involved in revising and updating the policy as necessary and parent volunteers will be recruited for various district committee appointments.

SCHOOL COMPACT

In accordance with Title I regulations, each Title I school and their parent representatives will evaluate K.E. Little's School Compact annually and revise if needed. This compact will identify ways the school, parents and student can share the responsibility for student performance and success. A copy of the K.E. Little School Compact detailing these responsibilities will be made available on our campus website, distributed to parents through flyers, parent- teacher conferences and upon request. Parent/student signatures will not be required; however, parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact with their child.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

K.E. Little Elementary School will support many varied ways of parental involvement and engagement as they strive to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. Parents and community members may contribute through volunteering at school and by creating a supportive environment. Parent and community member suggestions for improving our school is encouraged and welcomed. Successful school, parent and community communication will strengthen and reinforce everyone's desire for continued achievement for every child in the district. The following activities, programs and /or services are provided by K.E. Little to

strengthen the partnership between school, home, and community:

- SHAC
 - Family Access
 - District Health Fair
 - Campus Meet the Teacher Night
 - Special Olympics Activities
 - Monthly Child Find Screenings
 - Campus Career Day Activities
 - Student Activity Fundraisers
 - Social Worker/ Homeless Liaison
 - Parent Pick Up Tags
 - Teacher Web Pages
 - DISD Educational Foundation
 - Parent Engagement Newsletters
 - Red Ribbon Week Activities
 - Communities-In-Schools Program
 - Campus Parent/ Teacher Conferences
 - Campus Character Education Programs
 - GT Presentation/ GT Parent Group
 - CIC and EIC Committee Participation
 - Semester Award Ceremony
 - Watch D.O.G.S
 - Campus Math/ Literacy Nights
 - Campus and District Social Media Communication
 - Special Programs/ Parent Support Groups Quarterly Meetings
 - Campus Communication Folders/ Notebooks
 - Campus and District School Messenger Notification System
 - Private Non-Profit Title School Support
 - Campus Parent Teacher Organization (PTA)
 - Community and Student Engagement Committee
 - Campus Student Dances/ Parent Volunteers
 - Rodeo Art Competition/ Rodeo Student Participation
 - Elementary Campus Holiday Programs/ Activities
 - District and Campus Parent Surveys
 - Nurses' Vision/ Hearing Screenings
 - Elementary Field Day Activities
 - Special needs Parent Rodeo Day
 - No Place for Hate
 - Community Garden
 - Running Club
 - Drama Club
- Provide a safe, healthy, secure and orderly environment for students, staff, families and community
 - Promote effective parental and community involvement through communication, participation and partnerships in accomplishing the district's goals
 - Provide opportunities for families to participate in their child's education through informative curriculum meetings and celebrations of student accomplishments
 - Provide assistance from outside local agencies to extend opportunities to students and family access to support health and school/family connections
 - Provide activities that will enrich student academic and socialization skills that will promote life-long learning

STAFF/PARENT COMMUNICATION

Newsletters, conferences, personal contacts and written notices will be utilized to establish and maintain an open line of communication. In addition, our website and other internet and electronic sources will be kept up-to-date in an effort to inform families. All K.E. Little staff members will make every effort to communicate positively and work effectively with parents and community members.

FUNDING /COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

A minimum of one percent of the Title I, Part A funds will be set aside by Dickinson ISD for purposes of parental engagement activities. The District distributes a large portion of these funds proportionally to the Title I campuses. K.E. Little Elementary School will spend Title I funds according to identified, comprehensive needs and Title I guidelines. Coordination, technical assistance and other support will also be provided by the district to assist campuses and families in planning and implementing parental involvement activities. This coordination will also include other programs in order to maximize district, state, and federal monies.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

K.E. Little Elementary is committed to the success of students. We will work together with parents, community members and campus staff to monitor the effectiveness of our Parental Engagement and Title I Programs in order to provide excellence in education. This policy will be promoted by the administrators, principals, and other K.E. Little staff as we seek active participation by our parents.