



## **MAJOR CHENEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TITLE I, PART A PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

### ***Statement of Purpose***

The purpose of the Major Cheney Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Policy is to promote a highly effective working partnership among families and staff. Major Cheney has adopted the policy to ensure that we provide parents and families with substantial and meaningful opportunities to participate as equal partners in the education of their children. The campus will work to build capacities of the school staffs, as well as the capacities of parents, families, and community members, to work together as equal partners to succeed in improving achievement for all students.

### ***Goals***

- Schools promote regular, two way communication between home and school
- Parents, families, educators, and community members assist in improving student achievement by supporting family involvement in the education of their children
- Schools provide a safe and open atmosphere for parents and families to visit the school their children attend and to actively encourage parent and family support and assistance for school programs
- Schools and staff develop and deliver timely information and training to parents, including language classes
- Schools respond to such barriers as language, culture, education levels and work schedules of parents and families that may limit opportunities to participate fully in the education of their children
- Parents and families support their children's learning at home and in school and serve as their children's advocate
- Schools disseminate information to parents on all required Title 1 notifications

### ***Annual meeting***

Major Cheney will hold an annual parent meeting to educate parents about Title I funding and how it will be used to support the parent and family engagement. Birdville ISD will support the efforts of Title I, Part A schools by providing PowerPoint presentations, simultaneous translation equipment, communication tools, translators, childcare, and printing. The campus will host a flexible number of meetings with parents throughout the school year. A primary goal of these meetings will be to establish parents as equal partners in their child's academic achievement.

### ***Parents' Right to Know***

Major Cheney Elementary will provide parents with an annual notification that outlines the parents' right to know about the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct their child, as well as any paraprofessionals who provide services to the child.

## ***Building Capacity for Parent-School Partnerships***

Through the district's parent liaisons and staff, Birdville ISD will provide the following services to parents:

- Training for parents in understanding students' state and local assessment and screener results
- Other parent trainings based on identified needs and requests
- Links to external agency resources, as needed
- Parenting skills classes
- ESL classes
- Homework help training
- Translation services for homework
- Interpreter services for ARD, LPAC, PPCD evaluations, counseling, psychological evaluations, teacher/principal conferences with parents at Title I, Part A schools, district meetings, PTA, and others

To foster better collaboration with parents, Birdville ISD will also provide the following services to schools and district departments:

- Staff training regarding contributions parents make to their children's education
- Written translation services to schools and departments
- Communication tools and templates for promoting activities and services offered at Title I, Part A schools
- Other support as needed to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parent and family engagement activities

## ***School-Parent Compacts***

Major Cheney Elementary will jointly develop and share with parents a school-parent compact. The school-parent compact outlines how parents, staff, and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It also describes the necessary partnership that must develop between school and its families through regular two-way, meaningful communication. Each campus will undertake an annual collaborative review of its school-parent compact and make revisions as needed.

Major Cheney has the responsibility to:

- Implement high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment
- Utilize relevant sections of the school-parent compact to guide parent-teacher conferences
- Provide frequent reports to parents on their child's progress
- Offer parents reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities
- Initiate and respond to parent communications

Parent responsibilities to support their child's learning include:

- Ensuring regular attendance
- Participating in decisions related to their child's education
- Monitoring positive use of extracurricular time, establishing healthy habits, and modeling literacy at home
- Completing an online volunteer registration form and volunteering on campus, whenever practical
- Initiating and responding to school communications

### ***Parent Engagement Evaluation***

Each spring, Major Cheney Elementary will assemble a team, including Title I parents, teachers, and staff members, to review the content and effectiveness of their family engagement policies and programs. Evaluation information will be collected through parent surveys that gauge levels of family engagement while identifying barriers to parent participation. Based on this input and through a collaborative consultation process, Major Cheney Elementary will review the existing family engagement policy and make revisions as necessary.