BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
TITLE I-A FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY
2022-2023
R.E. Del Castillo Elementary

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The **R. E. Del Castillo** is committed to providing a quality education to every student in our campus. Partnerships with parents and the community are essential to this goal as neither home nor school can achieve this goal independently. Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high student achievement. Parents play an important role as children's first teacher and their support is critical to their children's success. **R. E. Del Castillo** intends to include parents in all aspects of the school's Title I-A programs to create a school-home partnership that will promote student success.

Grade level goals for all children in **R.E. Del Castillo** will be distributed to parents with the expectation that ***all*** students will work toward these goals. **R. E. Del Castillo** recognizes that some students may need the extra assistance of Title I-A programs to reach these goals and is committed to providing that support.

- Accelerated Reader
- Art
- Bike Club
- Bike Rodeo
- Brainsville
- Choir
- Club Code
- Computer Classes
- Music
- Running Club
- Science Fair
- Soccer Team
- Spelling Bee
- Tutorials
- University Interscholastic League (U.I.L)
- 4 Year Old Program
- Learning Platforms: Seesaw, Google Classroom, Zoom, Teams
- Virtual Instruction

Peter Lara, Principal
8/16/2022

II. PARENT ENGAGEMENT IN DEVELOPING AND REVISING THE POLICY

R. E. Del Castillo Parent Advisory Committee consisting of campus parents, teachers, and administration and community members developed the campus ***Family Engagement Policy.*** **R. E. Del Castillo** will annually form an Advisory Committee to review the Family Engagement Policy and to revise it as necessary. Special attention will be given to recruiting parent volunteers of children served under Title I-A programs, with a goal of having at least two parents of the committee. The Title I-A Family Engagement Policy will be posted on the campus website.

- Family Engagement Policy Dates: September 2022, October 2022 and March 2023
- DPAC Review Dates: October 2022 and March 2023

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III. ANNUAL TITLE I-A CAMPUS PARENT MEETINGS

R. E. Del Castillo will hold an annual Title I meetings for parents. These meetings will be held during the fall semester. The purpose of the meeting is to provide parents with information regarding Title I-A guidelines and services offered utilizing Title I-A funds as stated in the current Family Engagement Policy. The Family Engagement Policy will also be distributed to parents. Parents will be given the opportunity to offer their suggestions for any revisions to the policy. Parents may also volunteer to serve on either the district-wide or individual school's advisory committee or both.

The annual Title I-A meeting will be held at flexible times to increase the opportunity for parental participation. English and Spanish translation will be available. Written notices in both languages will be sent to parents notifying them of the date and times of the meetings. Parent volunteers, parent trainers, and parent liaisons will also contact other parents by phone regarding the meetings. Volunteers who speak both English and Spanish will make all contacts.

- TITLE I-A Parent Meeting: September 2022

IV. SCHOOL-PARENT-STUDENT COMPACT

According to Title I-A regulations, **R. E. Del Castillo** must share responsibility with parents for high student achievement by jointly developing a School-Parent-Student Compact. These compacts must outline the responsibilities of parents, staff, and students for promoting high student performance. Parents on the **R. E. Del Castillo** Advisory Committee must be involved in designing the compacts. Students' responsibilities may vary by grade level.

All parents will receive the compact from their child's school with a checklist of the responsibilities that teachers, parents, and students have for helping students achieve their academic goals.

Parents are urged to discuss the compact with their children before they and their children sign the document. The School-Parent-Student Compact will be posted on the campus website.

- School-Parent-Student Compact Parent Notification: August 2022
- DPAC Review: August, October and March

V. TYPES OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

R. E. Del Castillo will provide opportunities for parent engagement to become involved in their children's education. **R. E. Del Castillo** values both the at-home contributions of parents and those that take place at the school or in the community. Reading to children at home and talking with them at family meals are as important as volunteering at school and serving on advisory committees. Many types of family engagement are needed in school-home-community partnership to help all children succeed. In alignment with BISD's philosophy and mission, each Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) must include a family engagement component. All parent and community volunteers must comply with the district policy regarding State of Texas background checks.

List of Family Engagement Activities and Volunteer Opportunities Offered:

- Parent Meetings
- Enrichment Classes
- Nutrition Classes
- Community Presentations
- Fitness Program
- Parent meetings in person or virtual meetings

VI. ADAPT PROGRAMS TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Each year **R. E. Del Castillo** will assess the needs of parents and children in the community through a variety of measures, including parent surveys, so that Title I programs can be tailored to meet those needs. Workshops and other programs will be available to address the expressed needs. Parents will be notified of these opportunities by the individual schools.

Parents may also call the Parental Involvement Department or the school office to express an interest in a particular workshop topic or to make recommendations about the program.

- Parent Consultation Needs Assessment conducted: September 2022

VII. STAFF-PARENT COMMUNICATION

R. E. Del Castillo informs parents of monthly activities and current issues through various means of communication. Communication with parents should also include a school newsletter distributed by the school at least four times a year. Notices sent home should be in both English and Spanish. Parents are encouraged to take the initiative in calling their child's teacher or campus administrator when they have a concern. Staff should receive training on techniques to improve home-school communication. Parents may participate in this training.

- Announcements on School Marquee and Campus Website
- School Messenger Announcements
- Informational Flyers in English & Spanish
- Teacher-Parent Letters
- Student-Parent Monthly Activity Calendar
- Home Phone Calls and/or Home Visits
- Parent Teacher Conference
- Staff Development session: August 2022
- Virtual meetings
- Class Dojo, Remind
- Emails
- Seesaw
- Tag

VIII. EVALUATION

The district-wide Title I-A Parent Advisory Committee, which includes parents of Title I, Migrant, Bilingual, Special Needs and Gifted & Talented (GT) students, will participate in the process of school review and improvement. This committee will collect information in a variety of ways, including campus visits and class observations.

Parents will also be asked for their input on the content and effectiveness of the Title I-A Family Engagement programs through an annual evaluation of the program. The evaluation will include an assessment of overall increases in family engagement and barriers to parental participation that still need to be overcome. **R. E. Del Castillo** will revise its Family Engagement Policy on the basis of this annual review.

- Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) conducted: March 2023
- Title I-A Family Engagement Survey conducted: April 2023

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Parent signature Date

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