

Early Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Early Middle School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- Consistent with Public Law 114-95 Section 1116, Early Middle School will work to ensure that the required school-level parent and family engagement policies meet the requirements of section 1116 of the ESSA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1116 of the ESSA.
- Early Middle School will notify parents and family members of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents and families can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A, parent and family engagement requirements, to the extent practicable, Early Middle School will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents of students with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1116 of the ESSA in an understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in language parents understand.
- If the school-wide program plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1116 of the ESSA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, Early Middle School will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to Early ISD.
- Early Middle School will involve the parents and families of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the 1 percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- Early Middle School will build its own and the parent's capacity for strong parent and family engagement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and families, and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.
- Early Middle School will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under section 1116 of the ESSA as the parents may request.
- Early Middle School will be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:
 - Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—*
 - (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
 - (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*
 - (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;*
 - (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1116 of the ESSA.*

EARLY MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. Early Middle School will take the following actions to involve parents and family members in the joint development of its school parent and family engagement plan under section 1116 of the ESSA:

Create a Parent Advisory Committee to help guide campus decisions with community input.

2. Early Middle School will take the following actions to involve parents and family members in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESSA:

Created a Parent Advisory Committee, Teacher Advisory Committee, and a Student Advisory Committee.

3. Early Middle School will hold an annual meeting to inform parents and family members of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a time convenient for parents and family members and will offer a flexible number of additional parent and family engagement meetings, such as in the morning or evening so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting, and will encourage them to attend, by

We will hold two meetings. One before school starts from 5:00-5:30 in the EMS Gym during schedule pickup and new student orientation. The other will be during the fall open house in September in the EMS Cafeteria.

4. Early Middle School will provide parents and family members of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

We post information on the website, send out ParentSquare notifications, provide mailouts, and will hold parent meetings.

5. Early Middle School will at the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible by:

Parent Advisory Committee

6. Early Middle School will provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, and reading by:

After the STAAR test is administered and test results are received by the campus, the campus will notify parents that results are available and how to access them.

7. Early Middle School will take the following actions to provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not state certified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002) by:

Administration building will provide mail out documentation for this.

8. Early Middle School will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph --

- the state's academic content standards,
- the state's student academic achievement standards,
- the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- the requirements of Part A,
- how to monitor their child's progress, and
- how to work with educators:

Administrators and Teachers will attend workshops to better learn how to perform this.

EMS will hold parent meetings (Brief overview of programs provided)

Parent Advisory Committee

Mail outs to parents and ParentSquare notifications.

9. Early Middle School will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement, by:

STAAR Score Assessment Sheet from the state.

10. Early Middle School will, with the assistance of its parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools.

Staff Meetings and Trainings

11. Early Middle School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, public preschool, and other programs. The school will also conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

12. Early Middle School will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

Facebook page, School Website, ParentSquare

This School Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by Annual Title I meetings.

This policy was adopted by **Early ISD** on **9/1/2022** and will be in effect for the period of **Sept. 2022-May 2023**. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before **September 1, 2022**.

Chad Burlison
(Signature of Authorized Official)

September 1, 2022
(Date)