Title I, Part A
School Parent & Family Engagement Policy
2022-2023

Crespo ES encourages parents or guardians to be actively involved in their child’s education. It is our mission to produce a community of life-long learners, and we are committed to maintain a good line of communication from school to homes and our goal to provide ample opportunities for parental involvement throughout each school year. This policy has been designed to involve parents and family members in its development. This policy is to assist all parents, including parents with limited English proficiency to help their children achieve their academic and socioemotional goals in conjunction with the school administrators, teachers and staff including instructional assistance, counselor, interventionists, Intervention Assistance Team (IAT), Gifted and Talented and HISD supervisory staff including SSO.

Title I regulations require that each school served under Title I jointly develops and distribute to parents of participating children, a written parental involvement policy agreed on by the parents that describes the requirements outlined in Title I law.
Engagement Policy

Parents are invited to attend various meetings during and after school, as well as evenings. We encourage parents to attend at least two of the eight meeting throughout the academic year. The school will host two major Tile I meetings, one in the Fall and one in the Spring with alternate dates and times for your convenience. At these meetings, we discussed Title I mandates, requirements, rights and benefits. We will invite HISD personal, SSO and community leaders to help with presentations. Our presentations will be help in both languages English and Spanish. The Title I Coordinator will inform parents during Title I meetings about current educational programs and services under Title I. Agenda and Minutes of the Meetings will be uploaded on school webpage under Title I section. Parents will be informed of these meeting via school calendar, school webpage, and call outs as well as Crespo’s ClassDojo and Facebook pages.

Program Engagement

During Parent and Family Engagement Meetings, the Title I coordinator will go over the school curriculum, assessments, expectations for our students, promotion standards, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), State of Texas Assessment of Academic Reediness (STAAR), as well as an explanation on how the District and the school measures students’ academic achievement and how the state measures our school accountability. Title I coordinator will also explain how our faculty and staff collaborate and
learn from each other through our Professional Learning Community (PLC) and Professional Development days to plan for instruction.

**Parent & Family Training and Involvement**

Crespo ES will hold four Parent and Family Engagement Meetings as well as Hands-on Mathematics and Reading Family Literacy nights to give parents the opportunity to be involved and informed in their child’s education. During Parent and Family Engagement Meeting, parents and family members will have the opportunity to make suggestions, share experiences, and participate in the decision-making process. During Crespo ES literacy and math nights, parents will have the opportunity to learn alongside their children to better support them at home. Teacher will reach out to you during their conference time to discuss student progress. Teachers will send home materials to help parents work with their children at home such as math facts, HFW, leveled books, etc. You can also request a conference with your child’s teacher at any time during their conference time. Please review school website or call the office to find out your child’s teacher conference time.
Volunteer and Visit

We love having volunteers in our school! All volunteers must register online and pass a criminal background check before they can participate as a volunteer. As per HISD GKG1 Policy, all HISD schools are required to use the VIPS/RAPTOR Volunteer Management system to track volunteers who are regularly providing services for, or on behalf of, HISD. Being a volunteer may require you to volunteer for a single trip or event, on the premises of District property or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property. You will be required to register online each school year in VIPS/RAPTOR online application and agree to the annual background check. All volunteers must pass an annual criminal background check before volunteering at any HISD school. HISD reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to refuse and/or restrict an individual’s access as an HISD volunteer based on an individual's criminal history, in accordance with applicable law and HISD policy, including HISD Policy GKG. Please visit https://www.houstonisd.org/vips to register.

Crespo ES invites all parents to be part of our Panther PTO. Yearly membership is $10.00. Call the office or attend one of our PTO meetings dates in the calendar to receive more information. PTO members and volunteers are welcome to use our parent room T-11 where parents enhance the engagement with other parents. Attend or FACE classes when specialist will provide you with tools and training to improve parent engagement and assist students at home to increased academic potential.
Accessibility

All communications will be sent home in both languages English and Spanish. More than one method of communication will be used to inform parents and family members of school meetings and events such as school calendars, letters, and school messenger. Parents are highly encouraged to come to school to get trained in how to use PowerSchool, Clever and Canvas to check students’ progress. Interpreters will also be provided during parent teacher conferences or for any services meetings. Crespo ES will also ensure that parents with disabilities have the opportunity to participate.

Comments to The School Parent & Family Engagement Policy

If the schoolwide program plan (School Improvement Plan, SIP) under section 1114(b) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency Section 1116 (c)(5) or publishes he SIP on the school website.
Shared Responsibility for High Student Academic Achievement

Crespo ES will provide open communication with parents by phone, note, social media, or parent-teacher conferences to keep them informed of student academic progress. Parents are encouraged to schedule conferences visit the school website or call to inquire about teachers' conference time. Please remember that Wednesdays of each week have been designated for Professional Learning Communities and teacher will not be available during their conference time. Crespo ES will provide highly qualified teachers that develop the academic, emotional, and physical well-being of the child as well as provide timely interventions for students in danger of not meeting state and district standards.

Parents will support the school and student academic success by bringing the student to school every day unless the student is very ill. Ensuring the students arrive to school by 7:30 am. Parents will communicate with teachers and principals by providing any information important to their child's performance. Parents will read notices sent home from school, including our school calendar and communication platforms via ClassDojo. Make every effort to attend school meetings, workshops, and teacher conferences.