

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**TITLE I, PART A  
PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY  
2024-2025**

Horace W. Elrod Elementary School is committed to the goal of providing a quality education for every child in our school. In order for us to accomplish this goal, parents and guardians must actively be involved in their child's education. Elrod Elementary has a school-wide Emerging Medical Scholars Magnet focus with a 50/50 Dual Language model for grades PreK–Fifth Grade. Elrod has an enrollment of 746 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. The ethnicity breakdown for Elrod Elementary is .09% White, 78% Hispanic, 18% African American, and 2% Asian. Ninety-nine percent of our students are economically disadvantaged, and eighty-four percent are Limited English Proficient. Elrod is a Title I school and 100% of the students benefit from the additional Title I federal funds. The following specialized programs are offered: Dual Language, ESL instruction, Special Education and Gifted and Talented Education.

Elrod Elementary developed this policy to explain the vital role parents play in the education of their children. To develop the Parent & Family Engagement Policy and the School-Parent Compact, we involve parents and community members. The School-Parent Compact explains how students, parents, and school staff will take responsibility for each student's academic success by monitoring their attendance, completing homework and volunteering in their child's classroom. The policy ensures that parents of all students, regardless of English proficiency, mobility or disability are part of our learning community. This policy was updated with the assistance and approval of the staff, parents and community members of students participating in our Title I program September of 2023.

At the beginning of each school year, we hold annual parent meetings to discuss Title I, Part A and how funds are used to provide resources and materials. During the school year, Elrod Elementary will invite parents of all children who participate in the Title I program to Open House and Parent-Teacher conferences. Meetings are held on several different days and times providing parents a choice of which to attend. At the meetings we discuss Title I policies and the benefits students receive by attending a Title I school. During the meetings, parents are invited to give input and contribute to the Parent Engagement Policy as well as other parent organizations on campus. Elrod also provides four Parental Involvement Meetings focused on Math, Reading, Science and ways to help their child at home.

During our parent meetings and throughout the year, we give parents information about our Title I program, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, tutorial services, Emerging Medical Scholars Magnet focus, Dual Language, the HISD Scope and Sequence, and District Snapshots. We explain our curriculum and our expectations for students and how we measure student performance. During our parent meetings, we also discuss state and district assessments such as STAAR, TELPAS, Amplify Reading, Eureka Math, NWEA MAP, DIBELS/LECTURA, Circle and other measures of performance.

During the school year, we will survey our parents and provide a suggestion box to address concerns. During our meetings, parents are welcome to share ideas, concerns, and make suggestions concerning our programs offered. If parents have concerns regarding the School Improvement Plan, the school will submit their concerns to the HISD External Funding Title I Department.

Parents are valued partners in the educational process. They serve as the child's teacher and mentor in the home. Parental engagement is critical to student success. Elrod Elementary offers parenting classes and strategies on how parents can help their child at home. During parenting classes, we train parents to be parent leaders in the school and to serve as an outreach for other parents.

In the spring 2013, Elrod Elementary opened Memorial Herman, our site-based clinic that provides services to the students that attend Elrod. Several times during the school year, parents are invited to parent-student workshops to learn strategies that can be used at home to assist their child. During the workshop, materials are provided regarding Family Literacy, Math, Science, and ESL classes. Elrod also works along with community organizations to provide classes on child development and nutrition, child rearing, and social skills. Elrod Elementary has a full-time Wrap-Around Specialist to connect parent with resources and provide parents with training to help their scholars succeed.

Elrod Elementary strives to have every parent involved. We will not discriminate nor show barriers. All information relating to student achievement, school performance, and school and parent meetings are sent home in the home language. For parents whose home language is other than English or Spanish, our school will provide interpreters when needed.

Everyone gains when the school and home work together.



Michael Hutchins, Principal



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