

Robert Lee Independent School District

Parent Involvement Policy

Purpose

The Robert Lee Independent School District believes every child should have the opportunity to attain his/her full potential. Therefore, the Robert Lee ISD will maximize its resources to enable each child to become a successful learner. A Key resource is its people: administrators, teachers, school staff, parents, and community members. We will work together to establish effective partnerships; together everyone achieves more.

School and home must work together to realize higher student achievement. Ongoing, two-way, meaningful communication will occur to facilitate mutual understanding and to stimulate student success.

The Robert Lee ISD will provide to all parents the grade level goals for its students. The Robert Lee ISD will also publish the STAAR/TAKS testing schedule and assessment goals. Those students that need extra assistance will have access to programs that will help them reach these goals.

The Robert Lee ISD will make every effort to include parents in the development, evaluation, and revision of the Title 1 Program and the Parent Involvement Policy. The school-parent compact will describe the responsibilities of key stakeholders and useful channels of communication. The goal of our parental involvement program is student success.

Developing the Policy

An advisory committee will be formed consisting of parents, community members, teachers and staff and principals or administrators to develop and revise the Robert Lee ISD Parent Involvement Policy. The need for volunteers to serve on this committee will be published and then volunteers will be selected. The parent volunteers will represent the diversity of the student population, and one or more parents on the advisory committee will have children participating in a Title 1 program. The advisory committee will convene at a time and place convenient to all its members.

Annual Meeting

The Robert Lee ISD will hold an annual meeting during the first six weeks of the new school year for all parents. At that meeting the Title 1 program will be described, the Parental Involvement Policy will be distributed and reviewed, and opportunities for parental participation will be explained. Parent volunteers will be recruited to serve on the district or campus Advisory Committee.

Since the goal of the Robert Lee ISD is student success, the expectations of school performance, individual student assessments, and grade level curriculum will be provided in a format parents can understand.

Parents will be advised that the effectiveness of the Parental Involvement Programs will be evaluated annually and the policy will be revised to meet the needs of the students, school, parents, and community.

Parent School Compacts

The Title 1 schools of the Robert Lee ISD will consult with each school's Parent Advisory Committee to annually develop, review and revise the school-parent compact. The compact will identify the responsibilities of the staff to provide high-level curriculum and instruction, and the expectations of the parents to provide support in their children's learning. The compact will address the best ways to maintain positive, timely communication between school and home.

The compacts will be available to all parents and families on the school website and it will be discussed at parent-teacher conferences in the elementary school.

Programs and the School Community

Annually the Robert Lee ISD will assess the needs of the parents and children in the school community using a variety of tools including a survey or questionnaire. The findings will be used to revise the Title 1 program to meet the current needs. Workshops or other training will be made available to educators and parents to address these needs. Parents will be notified about training opportunities.

Staff-Parent Communications

The Robert Lee ISD will communicate with parents on a regular basis. An online Title 1 newsletter will be posted on the District website each month. Important information will be provided in the student handbook, the school-parent compact, and on the district website.

Frequent notices about student performance will be sent home with children or provided by phone calls, e-mails, conference and in-home visits. In so far as possible all communications will be provided in a language and format the parents can understand. Parents are encouraged to contact the school or the child's teacher when questions or problems arise.

Evaluation

The Robert Lee ISD will work with its Title 1 Advisory Committee to evaluate the effectiveness of the Parental Involvement Program. Surveys, classroom observation, assessment data, and other resources will be used to determine the needs and develop revised strategies for student success. Parental input will be sought. Revisions to the Title 1 Program and the Parental Involvement Policy will be developed and agreed upon with parent input and will be communicated to the parents in the district.

Concluding Statement

The Robert Lee ISD is committed to the success of students. We will work together with parents to monitor the effectiveness of our Parental Involvement and Title 1 Programs and to provide excellence in education. This policy will be promoted by the school board, administrators, principals, and other school staff as we seek active participation by our parents.

Date of Board Approval: 22 day of Sept., 2015.