

Family Engagement Plan
School Year 2020-2021
John P. Freeman Optional School

This Family Engagement Plan was **jointly developed and agreed upon** with parents to establish the expectations for parental involvement. We believe that education begins in the home; therefore, John P. Freeman seeks to unite family, school, and community by jointly developing a school-parent compact with parents. We urge parents to take an active role in the academic and extra-curricular activities of our students.

Parental Involvement

In an effort to draw the school experience into our students' home lives, we encourage parents to do the following:

1. Serve on the site-based leadership team and join the PTO
2. Attend the Annual Title I meeting, grade level meetings, parent meetings, parent conferences, programs and PTSA meetings
3. Volunteer their talents/services/time to the instructional program
4. Include strategies for parents to attend professional development available to staff

Title I (ESSA) Involvement

The administration, faculty, and staff will provide a strategic plan and implement Title I requirements according to the guidelines set forth in the law which includes the following:

1. Make parents aware of Title I and our participation by **convening an annual parent meeting about school programs**
2. Provide parents with **limited English proficiency, disabilities, and parents of migratory children access and opportunity to fully participate in school programs and the education of their children**
3. Provide parents **with information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities in a language the parents can understand**
4. Involve parents in an organized, on-going, and timely way in **planning, review, and improvement of the school parental involvement policy and joint development of the school-wide program plan (TSIP)**

To ensure that parents of John P. Freeman Optional School participate in the development and implementation of the school's program, we will do the following:

1. **Provide timely information to parents about school programs** and activities through a **flexible number of meetings – mornings or evenings**; with parents, school newsletter, school website, emails, flyers, and a school calendar.
2. **Provide opportunities for regular meetings** to which all parents are invited to inform parents of Title I requirements, the school's participation in Title I, and the right of parents to be involved in **decisions relating to the education of their children.**
3. **Provide parents with a descriptive explanation of curriculum** in use at the school, **forms of academic assessment** used to measure student progress, and the **proficiency levels** students are expected to meet.
4. **Build parent capacity for involvement by educating staff with the assistance of parents to value the contributions of parents, work and communicate with parents as equal partners to implement and coordinate parent programs and build strong school home ties.**
5. **Build parent capacity for involvement by providing to parents assistance with understanding topics about state academic content standards, assessments, and materials and training to improve their child's achievement.**