



Title 1 Family Engagement Plan

Runge Independent School District (Runge ISD) is dedicated to fostering a strong partnership between the school, families, and the community to enhance the educational experience and academic achievement of all students. In recognition of the critical role families play in the success of our students, Runge ISD has developed this Title I Family Engagement Policy in compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and relevant provisions of the Texas Education Code.

The purpose of this policy is to establish Runge ISD's framework for engaging families in the educational process, ensuring:

- Parents and families are welcomed and valued members of the school community.
- Open, effective communication between home and school is maintained.
- Parents and families are encouraged to actively participate in their child's education.

For the purposes of this policy, "family engagement" refers to the collaborative efforts between school staff and families to support and improve the learning, development, and health of students.

Annual Title I Meeting

Runge ISD will convene an annual meeting at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend. This meeting will inform families about the school's Title I program, their rights to be involved, and the school's expectations and objectives for meaningful family engagement.

Flexible Parent Meetings

Runge ISD will offer meetings at various times (such as morning or evening) to maximize parental involvement and participation.

School-Parent Compact

A School-Parent Compact will be developed with input from parents. This compact will outline how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

Building Capacity for Involvement

Runge ISD will build the school's and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement by:

- Providing assistance to parents in understanding academic content and achievement standards.
- Offering materials and training to help parents work with their children.
- Educating school staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value of contributions from parents and how to communicate and work with parents as equal partners.

- Ensuring information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents in a format and language that the parents can understand.

Accessibility

Runge ISD will ensure that full opportunities for participation in parental involvement activities are available to all parents, including those with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Annual Evaluation

The effectiveness of the Family Engagement Policy will be evaluated annually, based on the engagement of families and the improvement in student academic achievement. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents and using the findings to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, if necessary, the family engagement policies.

Collaboration with the Community

Runge ISD will collaborate with local community-based organizations and businesses to establish strong ties and resources for family engagement.

Communication

Runge ISD will communicate with families through various channels, including school websites, newsletters, parent meetings, and social media platforms, to keep them informed and engaged in school activities and their child's progress.

Statewide Initiative

Texas has established a Parent and Family Engagement Initiative hosted by the Region 16 Education Service Center. Website: www.esc16.net/page/title1swi.home Phone 806-677-5166

Runge district administration is responsible for annually reviewing and publishing this policy. Please contact Angelina Torres, PK-12 Grade Principal, at 830-239-4315 with any comments or concerns.

Please visit rungeisd.org for handbooks for parents, calendars of school events, and information on how to become a volunteer, or talk to your school principal about opportunities to serve on committees.

