



## **New Diana ISD Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2023-2024**

**In support of strengthening student academic achievement, each local education agency (LEA) that receives Title I, Part A funds must develop jointly with, agree with, and distribute to, parents and guardians of participating students a written parent and family engagement plan that contains information required by PL 114-95 Section 1116(a)(2) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The plan establishes the LEA's expectations for parental and family involvement and describes how the LEA will implement a number of specific family involvement activities.**

### **Statement of Purpose**

New Diana Independent School District (NDISD) recognizes the value of family engagement in a child's academic success and believes that the education of children is an ongoing cooperative partnership between home and school. Parents and other family members are their student's first teachers; therefore, the continued involvement of parents and family members in the educational process is most important in fostering and improving educational achievement. NDISD believes that the involvement of all parents and family members in all schools increases the effectiveness of the program and contributes significantly to the success of the program. School system officials shall strive to support parents and provide parents and family members with meaningful opportunities to become involved in the programs offered by NDISD schools. NDISD encourages parents and family members to participate in the design and implementation of the programs and activities in order to increase the effectiveness of the school system's Title I program in helping students meet state and local achievement standards.

### **Parent Engagement, Responsibilities and Rights**

Education succeeds best when there is a strong partnership between home and school, a partnership that thrives on communication. Parents are partners with teachers, administrators, and the Board and are encouraged to:

- Attend Board meetings to learn more about District operations.
- Review the information in the Student Handbook, including the attached Student Code of Conduct, with your child, and sign and return the acknowledgement form(s).
- Become familiar with all your child's school activities and with the academic programs offered in the district.
- Review your child's student records when needed. NDISD makes this information available to parents through our parent portal.

- Become a school volunteer. Application forms are posted on our district website.
- Participate in campus parent organizations.

### **NDISD Partnership with Family and Community**

#### **NDISD will:**

1. involve parents or guardians of students in the joint development of the District Improvement Plan, School Improvement Plan, the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and the school review and improvement process.
2. support Robert F Hunt Elementary, our Title I campus by providing coordination, technical assistance, and other necessary support to build schools' capacity and implement effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
3. educate principals, teachers, and other staff in the value and utility of contributions of parents and guardians, how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents and guardians as equal partners, how to implement and coordinate parent and family programs, and how to build ties between parents, families, and the schools, with the assistance of parents and guardians,
4. ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents or guardians of participating students in a format and language.
5. provide reasonable support for parent and family involvement activities as parents or guardians may request.
6. conduct outreach to ALL parents and family members and implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents and families.
7. support the social and emotional well-being of students and families through programs and events.
8. conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement plan in improving the academic quality of Title I schools.

### **District Initiated Communication and Meetings**

- Campuses notify parents of their children's eligibility for special programs and educational services.
- The Director of Operations manages social media platforms to disseminate information. Automated messaging/emails are delivered when necessary. Campus principals provide monthly newsletters to keep parents informed.
- Progress reports and report cards are sent to parents during each grading period.
- Teachers' email addresses are accessible on the school website under "Staff Directory."
- Teachers are available for conferences with parents. These may be scheduled by calling the office of the appropriate school.
- Notices are also posted on the district's website [www.ndisd.org](http://www.ndisd.org)

### **Opportunities for Engagement**

1. If you wish to volunteer at NDISD, please contact the district Human Resources Department.
2. Join a parent organization or a school committee:
  - a. PTO at any campus
  - b. Athletic Booster Club
  - c. Band Booster Club
  - d. FFA Booster Club
  - e. New Diana Education Foundation
  - f. Campus Improvement Plan Committee
  - g. District Educational Improvement Committee
  - h. Local Health Committee: SHAC
  - i. LPAC (if their own children are currently in the program)
3. Participate in parent surveys conducted by the campus or district.
4. Attend school board meetings and public hearings for current news concerning NDISD.
5. Attend ND Community/School events.
  - a. Meet the Eagles & Community Pep Rally
  - b. Meet the Teacher (RFHE)
  - c. Family Academic Nights

New Diana ISD is constantly seeking opportunities for parents to be engaged in their child's school or campus. Please contact the persons listed below if you wish to find out more information about a specific organization.

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- NDMS PTO

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- NDHS Campus Improvement Committee
- NDHS PTO
- Band Boosters
- Athletic Boosters
- FFA Boosters

Melissa Ryan, [mryan@ndisd.org](mailto:mryan@ndisd.org)

- District Level Improvement Committee

Greg Pope, [gpope@ndisd.org](mailto:gpope@ndisd.org)

- SHAC- Health Organization
- ND Education Foundation

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- NDISD Volunteers