



Parent Engagement Policy

DeLay Middle School

2023-2024

PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS FROM FEDERAL LAW

DeLay Middle School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- Will develop a written parental involvement policy as required by federal law
- Will notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A, parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required by federal law in an understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in language parents understand.
- If the school-wide program plan for Title I, Part A, developed is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the school district.

The school will build its own parent involvement policy in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

- The school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities at parent request.
- The school will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

- (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*
- (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;*
- (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in federal law*

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOLS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. DeLay MS will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school parental involvement plan:

- Parents are invited to work with the principal on this document
- Building Leadership Team is open to parents
- Surveys are sent to parents soliciting suggestions, constructive criticisms, and ideas for improvement
- DeLay Community Outreach activities like participation in Harvest Fest, Homecoming in downtown Lewisville, the 50 Year Celebration, STEM nights, Hispanic Heritage Celebration, and the 5K fundraiser fun run.

2. DeLay MS will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under:

- PTA Board Meetings and General Meetings
- School contact information easily accessible on the school website
- Facebook, Twitter (X), and Instagram are constantly updated and are used as 2-way communication
- District and Campus Calendars are available to parents
- Harvesters Happenings newsletter

3. DeLay MS will hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a time convenient for parents and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting and will encourage them to attend, by:

- Expectations Day before school begins
- Fall and Spring Open Houses
- Parent Nights and Meetings - Middle School Parent Night, College and Career Night, AVID Parent Night, Science Nights (STEAM), School Report Card Meeting

4. DeLay MS will provide parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet by:

- Student Handbook provided (available online)
- Skyward forms provided and available to complete at DMS
- Expectations Day where parents receive class schedules and information regarding school policy
- Progress Reports available in Skyward every 3 Weeks
- Letters signed by parents if students are in danger of failing
- Confidential Student Reports (STAAR) sent home (HB 1416)
- School Report Card Meetings are held and open to the public once a year

5. DeLay MS will provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible by:

- Callout system used to communicate
- Facebook and Twitter (X) used and updated weekly
- Respond to voicemails and emails consistently
- Building Leadership Team monthly/bi-monthly meeting
- Parent/Teacher meetings always available by request
- Fall and Spring Open Houses

6. DeLay MS will provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading by:

- All Confidential Student Reports are sent home to parents and a callout is created to parents whenever they are sent home

7. DeLay MS will take the following actions to provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002) by:

- Campus principal will provide parents with this notification in these circumstances.

8. DeLay MS will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph –

- the state's academic content standards,
- the state's student academic achievement standards,
- the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- how to monitor their child's progress and

- how to partner with teachers and staff:
- Parent nights to inform and train parents how to use instructional tools to keep up with grades and assignments
- School Report Card Annual Meetings
- Grade access to all parents through Skyward and/or Canvas

9. DeLay MS will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by:

- Opportunities for assistance with on-line enrollment and Skyward updates
- iPads are available to all students and parents have access to online grades with these devices daily
- DeLay Parent Nights hosts many topics supporting parent involvement and support, such as; AVID in:

LISD, Bullying in LISD - What Rights Do Parents Have, Latino Family Access, Self-Harm - What Do Parents Need To Know and How to Implement?, Parenting Strategies, Personal Finance, Drug Prevention Education, etc.

10. DeLay MS will, with the assistance of its parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

- PTA offered to all
- Building Leadership Team open to parents
- Multiple Parent Nights and opportunities for parent education provided
- Consistent communication
- Extra-curricular performance schedules provided

11. DeLay MS will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent-programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

- All of our communication with parents is provided in English and Spanish and some provided in other languages when requested or necessary.
- Parent Night General Sessions are provided in English and Spanish

PART III. ADOPTION - DeLay MS 2023-24

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by the meeting held to develop the document on 12/5/2023.

This policy was adopted by DeLay Middle School, Lewisville Independent School District on date and will be in effect for the period of the 2023-2024 School Year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before January 26, 2024.

Dr. V. Jones (Signature of Authorized Official)

1/23/24 (Date)