

Tom Bean Independent School District Parent Involvement Policy

Tom Bean Independent School District agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school district will put into operation programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children. Consistent with section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(B) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- The school district will incorporate this district-wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of ESEA.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school district and its schools 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 under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the Texas Education Agency.
- The school district will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools 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-

- *that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- *that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*

- *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;*
- *the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in Section 1118 of the ESEA.*

DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The Tom Bean Independent School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parental involvement plan under Section 1112 of the ESEA:

- **Parents of students involved with the program will be invited to attend a meeting regarding the development of the plan; and**
- **Parents of students involved with the program will be asked to complete surveys in the spring evaluating the program. Results will be incorporated into the next year's plan.**

INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS IN THE PLANNING, REVIEW, AND EVALUATION OF PROGRAM AND PLAN

The Tom Bean Independent School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under Section 1116 of the ESEA:

- **Parents of students involved with the program will be invited to attend a spring meeting to review the results (TAKS, SDAA II, TPRI, etc.) of the program, conduct a needs assessment, identify barriers to parental involvement, and help plan the activities and budget of the program for the next school year; and**
- **Parents of students involved with the program will be encouraged to attend campus site-base meetings held throughout the year.**

DISTRICT COORDINATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND SUPPORT

The Tom Bean Independent School district will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

- **The district will annually train staff members regarding parental involvement activities;**
- **The Director of Instruction and Student Services will assist campuses with coordination of services and funding for projects including the coordination and integration of Part A parental involvement strategies with parental involvement strategies under any other program the district may implement; and**
- **The Director of Instruction and Student Services will assist campuses by providing student testing information for the committee's review.**

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The Tom Bean Independent School District will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

- The school district will, with assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as:
 - √ the State's academic content standards,
 - √ the State's student academic achievement standards,
 - √ the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
 - √ the requirements of Part A,
 - √ how to monitor their child's progress, and
 - √ how to work with educators.
 - √ by providing parent information workshops during the school year and providing additional information in newsletters and/or on the school district website; and
 - √ by communicating with parents through the use of e-mail, family access, and telephone.
- The school district will, with the assistance of its schools, 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:
 - √ **providing parent-teacher conferences at the end of the first six weeks for all parents of students performing below expectations; and**

- √ **providing paper resources and links on the school district website that would assist parents in working with their children and understanding educational topics.**
- The school district will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with parent resource centers, which encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:
 - √ providing an opportunity for parents to enroll students in kindergarten in the spring prior to the school year; and
 - √ providing an opportunity for students to meet the classroom teacher prior to the beginning of the school year.
- The school district will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent-programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the 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:
 - √ provide information to parents using newsletters and/or the school district website; and
 - √ maintain parental information at the school campus offices.

This District Wide 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 agenda and sign-in sheet of the Title I, Part A Parent Meeting held on October 14, 2009.

This policy was adopted by the Tom Bean Independent School District on July 20, 2009 and will be in effect for the period of one year. The school district will post the policy on the school's website and include a copy in each of the campus handbooks.