

**Cooper Elementary School**

**Parent Involvement Policy**

***Cooper Elementary School*** recognizes that a child’s education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire period the child spends in school. To support the goal that all children succeed academically and in life, the school and parents must work together as partners.

I. An annual meeting was held to inform parents of the school’s participation in Title I, to explain the Title I requirements and the right of parents to be involved. The school will invite all parents and will encourage them to attend.

The Annual Title I Meeting for the 2019-2020 school year was held on

* ***Thursday, September 5th at 6pm in Cooper Cafeteria***

Additional, Annual Title I Meetings will be held on

* **Friday, October 25th at 7:30am in Cooper Library**

II. Parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school’s parental involvement policy and in the development of the schoolwide program in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.

* Volunteers will be recruited to serve on the Campus Improvement Team (CIT).
* The CIT will be responsible for the joint development of the schoolwide plan and the joint development of the Parental Involvement Policy.
* The CIT will meet periodically throughout the year to address campus needs as they relate to the schoolwide plan and the Parental Involvement Policy.
* An annual review, evaluation, and revision of the Parental Involvement Policy and schoolwide plan will occur in the spring semester and will include parents through surveys and focus group as well as the CIT.

III. All information about Cooper’s Title I programs will be provided to parents in a uniform format that is easy to understand. Upon request, parents with disabilities will be provided information in alternative formats whenever reasonably possible. Parents will receive information in a language they can understand whenever reasonably possible. Parents should expect to receive information in the following ways:

*  Weekly parent messages by Skyward phone calls

School Flyers & Information

sent home in

Tuesday folders

* School/Grade-Level newsletters
*  Campus web page
*  Monthly calendar of events sent out in Tuesday folders

IV. Opportunities for regular meetings for parents to give suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children will be provided at the parent’s request. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as possible. Parents who make requests will be given the opportunity to meet

* Through prearranged meetings with the campus principal
* Through meetings with the student’s teacher which may include the principal, and other staff as appropriate
* Through meetings with the Student Support Team

V. Cooper Elementary School will give the district any written parent comments if the schoolwide plan is not satisfactory to parents of children attending Cooper Elementary School

* Parents of children attending Cooper Elementary School may submit comments in writing to their child’s teacher or the principal. *One of these individuals will contact the parent and discuss how we will address the parent comments provided.*

VI. In order to build and support a strong partnership among the school, parents, and community, and to improve student achievement. Information provided to parents about the Title I programs includes a description and explanation of the school’s curriculum, assessments, and achievement levels which children are expected to reach. The school will give parents this information in the following ways:

* The annual Title I meeting
* Regular parent teacher conferences
* Title I meetings and Family Nights throughout the year
* Tuesday folders
* Curriculum Night/Meet the Teacher Night
* Progress reports/Report Cards
* Reading / STAAR Night
* Each parent will be provided a report about their child’s performance on the State assessment in at least Reading, Math, and Language Arts

Materials and training to help parents work with their child will be provided.

* Curriculum Night and Reading/STAAR Night
* Online Gradebook Class
* Tuesday Folders

Professional development for teachers, principals, and other school staff, will be provided, **with the assistance of parents**, in the following areas:

* The value of working with parents and the ways that parents help their children achieve and support the school
* How to work with parents as equal partners
* How to implement and coordinate parent programs
* How to build ties between parents and the school

Reasonable support for parental involvement activities will be provided.

* Funds set aside for parental involvement will be spent on the agreed upon activities
* Materials and refreshments will be provided when possible

Volunteers will be trained to assist with parental involvement activities.

* Watch Dogs
* Campus Volunteer Training

For parents who are unable to attend parental involvement activities at school, home visits, and meetings at alternative locations will be provided.

* Home visits for parents with disabilities will be arranged by appointment. Parents who need to request a home visit may contact campus administration or their child’s teacher.

Community organizations and business are encouraged to participate in parental involvement activities.

* We will recruit local businesses to volunteer on our Campus Improvement Team
* Partnerships with organizations and businesses are coordinated through campus administration

Cooper Elementary School is committed to the success of students. We will work together with parents to make sure that our Title I program is effective in developing students who achieve.