

# Springwoods Village Middle School

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## Springwoods Village Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

ESSA Section 1116

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### Springwoods Village Middle School Mission Statement:

Springwoods Village Middle School's mission is to create lifelong learners through inquiry and reflection who develop intellectually, emotionally and socially in order to be productive and compassionate global citizens.

1. Springwoods Village Middle School shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of ESSA Section 1116 subsections (c) through (f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

#### Section 1116 (b)(1) & (e)(5)

- The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be reviewed and revised every Spring prior to the close of the current school year
  - The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is explained and distributed during the campus' annual Title 1 meeting in September
2. Springwoods Village Middle School shall convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved; Section 1116 (c)(1)
    - The annual Title 1 meeting will be held in September, in the morning and one in the evening for convenience of our families.
    - Parents will be notified of these meetings via email, social media, and the school website
  3. Springwoods Village Middle School shall offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, childcare, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement; Section 1116 (c)(2)
    - Meeting will be offered in the mornings, during the school day, and after school to accommodate families
  4. Springwoods Village Middle School shall involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under section 1114(b) (Campus Improvement Plan), except that if a school has in place a process for involving parents in the joint planning and design of the school's programs, the school may use that process, if such process includes an adequate representation of parents of participating children; Section 1116 (c)(3)
    - Parents and community members are part of the CIP (Campus Improvement Plan) committee.
    - Parents and families are invited each spring to review and revised the Parent and Family engagement policy.
  5. Springwoods Village Middle School shall provide parents of participating children—
    - (A) timely information about programs under this part;

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(B) a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and

- Parents are provided information on campus curriculum and state assessments such as STAAR during open house, parent-teacher conferences, through flipped classroom videos, and curriculum nights

(C) if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible;

Section 1116 (c)(4)

6. If the schoolwide program plan (Campus Improvement Plan, CIP) under section 1114(b) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency. Section 1116 (c)(5)

- The CIP (Campus Improvement Plan) is explained to parents during the annual Title 1 meeting
- Parent comments can be given to the principal for review

7. To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Springwoods Village Middle School shall: Section 1116 (e)

(i) provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children; Section 1116 (e)(1)

- Springwoods Village will provide parent workshops and meetings about the state academic standards, and state and local assessments
- Parents have access to student grades through eschool and can contact the school if they need assistance with accessing student grades

(ii) provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement; Section 1116 (e)(2)

- Teachers are providing flipped classroom lessons to parents to assist with student work at home.

(iii) educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school; Section 1116 (e)(3)

- Teachers attend a district training on parent and family engagement each fall

(iv) to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children; Section 1116 (e)(4)

(v) provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. Section 1116 (e)(14)

This Policy was created and adopted on September 3, 2019 to be in effect for the 2019-2020 school year.