

# Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024

In support of strengthening student achievement, Jubilee Westwood receives Title 1, Part A funds and therefore must 1.) develop jointly with 2.) agree on with, and 3.) distribute to the parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy.

The parent and family engagement policy must contain information required by Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA) Section 1116. Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable, uniformed 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 the parents and the school. The policy establishes the school's expectations for the parents and family engagement activities.

Jubilee Westwood understands that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents and families in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including:

- Parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents and families 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.

Jubilee Westwood agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by ESSA Section 1116.

#### A. ANNUAL TITLE 1 MEETINGS:

Jubilee Westwood will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents to attend. During these meetings we will inform the parents about the school's Title 1 program, the nature of the Title 1 program, the parents' requirements, the school's parental involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact.

Jubilee Westwood will hold its Annual Title 1 meeting at the beginning of the school year to inform parents of the requirements of Title 1 and the school's participation as well as the parents' right to be involved.

### **B. FLEXIBLE NUMBER OF MEETINGS**

Jubilee Westwood will offer a flexible number of engagement meetings at convenient times for families, such as meetings in the morning and the evening.



#### C. JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Jubilee Westwood will take the following actions to involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, reviewing, and improvement of programs under Title 1, Part A. As well as the planning, reviewing, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the jointly development of the schoolwide program plan including, Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) and the Campus Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA).

• At the beginning of the school year, we will meet with parents and other stakeholders to provide them with information about the school's Parents and Family Engagement Plan and as well their parental right to be involved in the planning and development of school plans through meetings, surveys, and questionnaires. If the program plan is not satisfactory to parents, they may submit comments on the plan to the school administrator. The plan will be posted on the school's website.

#### D. COMMUNICATION

Jubilee Westwood will provide parents of participating children timely information about programs under Title 1 including:

- a) Description and explanation of the curriculum in use including, 8th grade students high school graduation plan, and informing parents of Advanced-Placement (AP) and dual enrollment classes (college and high school credit).
- Forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress (STAAR & EOC)
- c) Achievement levels of the challenging state academic standards
- d) If requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, will be sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents will understand.

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be available on our school website. It will also be discussed with parents during parent-teacher conferences at the beginning of the school year. The policy will be assessed each year based on the number of participants, the number of volunteers, and the responses to the parent questionnaires and/or surveys.

Parents will be involved in planning, reviewing, and improving the policy through a yearly review. All parents will have the opportunity to participate in this review.

#### E. DISSENSION PROCESS

Jubilee Westwood will submit any comments/concerns to the Jubilee Academies Superintendent's office if the schoolwide plan and/or Parent Family Engagement Policy is not satisfactory to parents.



## F. SCHOOL PARENT COMPACT

Jubilee Westwood will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school parent compact. This outlines how families, school, staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standard and how the plan is used, reviewed, and updated.

Jubilee Westwood will hold an annual parent meeting to review and discuss any needed changes to the jointly developed school compact. This compact will outline how the entire school staff, parents and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. The compact will describe not only the school's responsibility in providing high quality instruction and curriculum, but the student and parent responsibilities for meeting and supporting the learning process. The compact will address how parents have reasonable access to staff, receive frequent reports on their progress, and can volunteer and observe in the classroom.

#### G. BUILD CAPACITY OF PARENTS

Jubilee Westwood will build the parents capacity for strong parental involvement. To ensure effective involvement of parents and families and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement
- Help parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
  - 1. The state's academic content standards STAAR and EOC
  - 2. The state's student academic achievement standards
  - 3. The state and local academic assessment including alternate assessments
  - 4. The requirement of Title 1, Part A
  - 5. How to monitor their child's progress
  - 6. How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children,
- Coordinate and integrate parental 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 to fully participate in the education of their children.

## H. ACCESSIBILITY

Jubilee Westwood will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents and family members (including parents and family members with limited English proficiency, parents and family members of migratory children), including



providing information and school reports and required under section 1111 in a format and language such parents understand.

Opportunities for Parent and Family Engagement:

- Parent events
- Parent conferences
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Campus fundraisers
- Communication Applications (Class Dojo, Social Media, School Website, SchoolMessenger)
- Campus clubs
- Parent surveys

Campus: Jubilee Westwood Phone Number: 210-963-3930

- Newsletters
- Student Led Conferences

# **Adoption of Campus Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

The campus Wide Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title 1, Part A programs, as evidenced by agendas, and sign-in sheets.

This policy was accepted by the Jubilee Academic Charter School District and will be in effect for the period of 2023-2024. The district campus will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title 1, Part A children on or before the end of the school year.

	Date:
Principal: Dr. Erlanda Valderas	
After signing below, please return to your child's homeroom	ı teacher.
District Parent and Family Policy Acknowledgement I have received a copy of the 2023-2024 Jubilee Westwood Parent and Family Engagement Policy.	
Parent Signature:	Date:
Print Student Name:	Grade: