



# RODRIGUEZ ELEMENTARY

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## **Rodriguez Elementary - Parent and Family Engagement District Policy**

The San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District (SMCISD) and Rodriguez Elementary are committed to creating a strong partnership with parents and families that is built on trust. This partnership is based on an agreement in which all members understand and accept their roles and responsibilities in helping students do well in school. It is a partnership through which all members will work to:

- Welcome each other
- Offer their personal strengths and knowledge
- Provide assistance, and
- Listen and speak respectfully to each other

### **Engagement: What does it look like?**

In order to create a strong partnership that will improve student learning, each Rodriguez Elementary will create a committee to lead the work of parent and student engagement. The work of the committees will focus on engaging parents and students so that it helps students do well in school. Engaging parents and students may include opportunities such as:

- After school clubs for students
- Extra-curricular opportunities for students
- Parent/teacher conferences
- School meetings to inform parents about how the students performed on state assessments
- Volunteering at your child's school
- Special community celebrations such as math and science fairs, reading carnivals, or student activities
- Adult classes such as GED or ESL
- Trainings such as finding your child's grades and attendance records online or finding community resources to provide learning opportunities for your child outside of school
- Parent learning opportunities such as computer classes or classes to understand if your child is making good progress in his/her classes

### **Committees: What will they look like?**

The Rodriguez Elementary campus will have a committee that will focus on parent and student engagement. Each committee will include representation from parents, students, District employees, and community members from various San Marcos communities. The committee will be named Rodriguez Elementary Parent and Student Engagement (PaSE) Committee.

### **TRAINING**

The Rodriguez Elementary Parent and Student Engagement (PaSE) Committee will provide training to campus staff throughout each school year. The training will include (but not limited to):



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- The importance of parent and family engagement
- Effective ways of reaching out to parents and community in order to build positive relationships
- Creating a welcoming and service-oriented school setting

The Rodriguez Elementary Parent and Student Engagement (PaSE) Committee will provide training to parents/families throughout the school year. The training will include (but not limited to):

- Helping parents and families understand what the State of Texas and Rodriguez Elementary expects students to learn for each grade level
- Helping parents and families understand how the State and Rodriguez Elementary will check to see if students have met the expectations
- Helping parents and families understand how they can check to see how their child is doing in school
- Helping parents and families understand how they can help their child if he/she is not doing well in school

## COMMUNICATION

Rodriguez Elementary will use different ways of communicating with parents and families to increase outreach. These will include:

- Newsletters, flyers, posters
- Phone calls, emails
- District website
- Social media (Twitter and Facebook)
- Home and community visits
- SMCISD Mobile App

Besides English, Rodriguez Elementary will provide communication in Spanish as necessary.

## CAMPUS CONTACTS

Rodriguez Elementary will have available a parent liaison as a point of contact for parents and families. The parent liaison will be the link between home and school. The parent liaisons provide a great service to the school and help parents and families in many ways including:

- Contacting teachers and counselors
- Becoming a volunteer at your child's school
- Providing classes of interest to parents and families
- Providing information about after school programs that are available
- Providing school supplies to students who cannot afford their own
- Connecting to support services such as housing, clothing, medical, food, and student/family counseling
- Home visits to bridge communication between home and school



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## SUPPORT

Rodriguez Elementary will support campus efforts to engage parents and families in order to help student learning by:

- Providing funds to purchase materials and provide learning opportunities to parents and families
- Partnering with community organizations that will help parents and families understand community resources and opportunities and how to access resources

## EVALUATION

The Rodriguez Elementary leadership will meet multiple times throughout the school year to see how the campus is doing in engaging parents and families in order to improve student learning. If needed, recommendations will be made to the Rodriguez Elementary Parent and Student Engagement (PaSE) Committee for improvement. Rodriguez Elementary will conduct an evaluation at the end of each year to see how to improve the partnership with parents and families for the following school year. The evaluation will focus on how the campus:

- Worked with parents and families to increase understanding of how their child/children did in school
- Worked with parents and families to increase understanding of what they could have done to help their child/children when they were not doing well in school
- Worked with parents and families who were not able to participate in opportunities provided by the Campus or District
- Worked with parents and families to help with any challenges that may have prevented them from participating in opportunities provided by the Campus or District

## SUMMARY

As members of a larger community, we all have a great responsibility to work together to raise happy and healthy students that are well prepared to live life to the fullest. By working alongside students, parents, families, and community members, the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District and Rodriguez Elementary are committed to: creating a strong partnership built on trust; continuously improving the communication between home and school; maintaining students, parents, families, and community members well informed of important information; and providing school and community events that invite us all to learn and grow together.