



# San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District

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## De Zavala Elementary School Parent & Family Engagement Policy 2025 - 2026

The San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District (SMCISD) and De Zavala 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, De Zavala 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
- Student led parent/teacher conferences
- School meetings to inform parents about how the students performed on state assessments
- Volunteering programs
- Special community celebrations such as math and science fairs, reading celebrations, or student activities
- Adult classes such as GED or ESL
- Trainings such as finding your child's grades and attendance records on line 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



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

De Zavala 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 committees will be named the De Zavala PaSE Committee. PaSE stands for Parent and Student Engagement.

The campus PaSE Committees will provide training to campus staff at the beginning of each school year. The training will include:

- 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 campus PaSE Committees will provide training to parents/families at the beginning of each school year. The training will include:

- Helping parents and families understand what the State of Texas and SMCISD expects students to learn for each grade level
- Helping parents and families understand how the State and SMCISD 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**

SMCISD 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



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Besides English, De Zavala will provide communication in Spanish as necessary.

## **CAMPUS CONTACTS**

De Zavala will have available a counselor as a point of contact for parents and families.

- 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

## **SUPPORT**

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

- Providing funds to each campuses to purchase materials and provide learning opportunities to parents and families
- Establishing an active community learning center in at least three district campuses where training and classes can be offered to parents and families at various times of the day, including classes on social, emotional, and physical health
- Partnering with community organizations to promote parent and family engagements that will help parents and families understand community resources and opportunities and how to access these

## **EVALUATION**

De Zavala leadership will meet a minimum of two times, once in the fall semester and once in the spring semester with the Parent and Family Engagement Team to see how each school is doing in engaging parents and families in order to improve student learning. If needed, recommendations will be made to Campus PaSE Committees for improvement.



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De Zavala 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 campuses:

- 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 who 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 De Zavala 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.