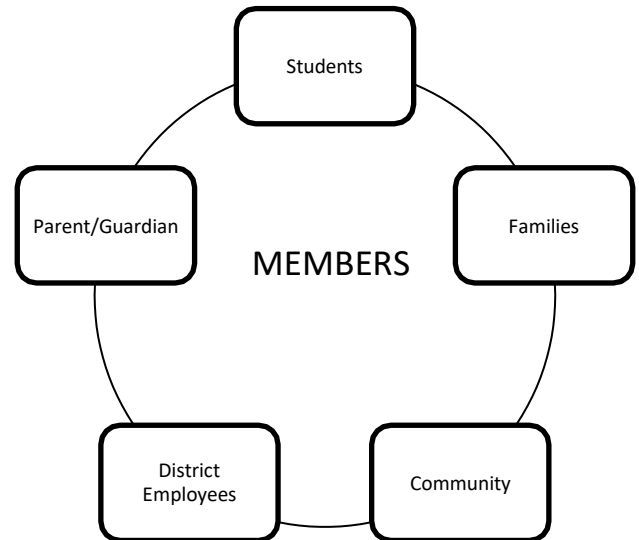


## Parent and Family Engagement District Policy

The San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District (SMCISD) is 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



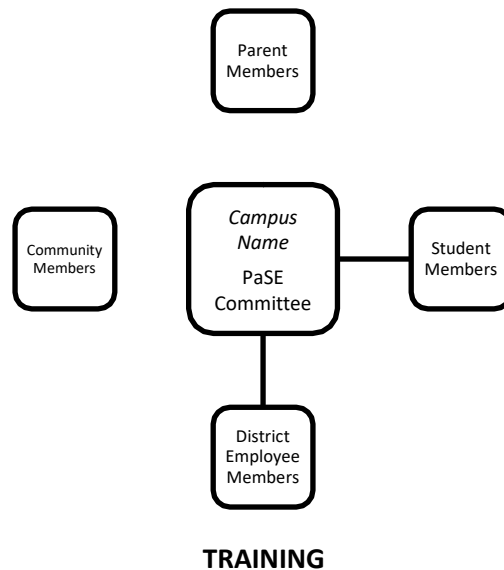
### Engagement: What does it look like?

In order to create a strong partnership that will improve student learning, each SMCISD campus 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 (e.g. choir, athletics, debate, etc.)
- 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 cooking classes for healthy nutrition, computer classes, or classes to understand if your child is making good progress in his/her classes

### Committees: What will they look like?

Each 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 committees will be named *Campus Name* PaSE Committee. PaSE stands for Parent and Student Engagement. The following image shows how these committees will be organized.



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 inschool



## 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

Besides English, SMCISD will provide communication in Spanish as necessary.

## CAMPUS CONTACTS

Each SMCISD campus will have available a parent liaison as a point of contact for parents and families. Parent liaisons are a very important link between home and school. 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

The following are the names and contact numbers for current SMCISD parent liaisons.

	<b>Campus</b>	<b>Parent Liaison</b>	<b>Contact Number</b>
<b>Secondary</b>	Goodnight Middle School	Gracie Campos	512-393-6559
	Miller Middle School	Mary Jane Godina	512-393-6697
<b>Elementary</b>	Bonham PK	Cynthia Hernandez	512-757-8245
	Bowie	Rosie Ivarra	512-393-6223
	Crockett	Gina Lombardo	512-393-6417
	De Zavala	Michelle Delgado	512-393-6263
	Hernandez	Maria Simas Galloway	512-393-6132
	Mendez	Barbara Saucedo	512-393-6063
	Rodriguez	Barbara Montana	512-757-8862
Travis	Connie Perez	512-393-6468	



## **SUPPORT**

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

- Providing funds to each campus 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 such as Community Action/Head Start, Hays Caldwell Council, the Greater San Marcos Youth Council, the San Marcos Housing Authority, and the Hays County Food Bank, as well as business and educational partners such as Upward Bound, Rural Talent Search to promote parent and family engagements that will help parents and families understand community resources and opportunities and how to access these

## **EVALUATION**

SMCISD leadership will meet a minimum of two times in the fall semester and two times in the spring semester with the Parent Liaison 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.

SMCISD 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 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 is 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.*