



M. Rivas School of the Arts
Parent & Family Engagement Policy
2021-2022



In support of strengthening student academic achievement, M. Rivas School of the Arts passionately promotes parental engagement and comprehends the necessity of collaboration between home and school. In compliance with ESSA Section 1116 (b) & (c) M. Rivas School of the Arts demonstrates the expectations for parental involvement in our student's educational journey.

1. Process:

This policy will be developed using both virtual and in person meetings when permissible.

- (a) D.L.P.A.C. & C.L.P.A. C. The School Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be jointly developed and agreed on with parents. ESSA 1116 (b)(1).
- (b) The policy will establish the school's expectations for parental involvement and describe how the campus will implement a number of specific parental involvement activities.
- (c) The policy will be updated and revised as needed.

2. Policy:

M. Rivas School of the Arts will hold two annual meetings at a convenient time, to which all parents will be invited and encouraged to attend.

- (a) The policy shall be distributed to parents annually via our district website, distributed in both English, and Spanish to promulgate in a language parents and families can understand. ESSA 1116 (b) (1).
- (b) M. Rivas School of the Arts will offer a flexible number of meetings at convenient times for parents to attend. Meetings will be offered in both, mornings and evenings. Parents may be provided with services related to parental involvement to include but not limited to: home visits and child care. ESSA 1116 (c) (2).
- (c) M. Rivas School of the Arts will offer a flexible number of meetings to cover:
 - a. School Performance Profiles (STAAR)
 - b. Curriculum
 - c. Policy/Procedures
 - d. Title 1 (A): To inform parents of the school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements under this part, and the right of parents to be involved. ESSA 1116 (c) (1).
- (d) Develop a process to provide timely responses to parents' suggestions via needs assessments, surveys, and evaluations.

3. Building Capacity for Involvement:

M. Rivas School of the Arts shall provide assistance to parents in efforts to build capacity for involvement at home and school.

- (a) Shall provide assistance to parents in understanding topics to include but not limited to ESSA 1116 (e) (1):
 - a. State Academic Standards through meetings with Curriculum Specialist. ESSA 1116 (c) (4) (b).
 - b. Local Academic Assessments
 - c. Monitoring Progress
 - d. Working with Educators
- (b) Shall provide training for staff that will help them work more effectively with parents. In addition, shall to a feasible extent, participate in parental involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs. ESSA 1116 (e) (3), ESSA 1116 (a) (2) (C) and (e) (4).
- (c) Provide training to assist parents with ESSA 1116 (e) (2):
 - (i) Technology Training
 - (ii) Literacy Training
 - (iii) English as a Second Language

4. Under this policy, parents shall be involved in an organized way in the planning, review, and implementation of programs at M. Rivas School of the Arts to include but not limited to: Campus Improvement Plan, School & Parent Compact, and other programs. ESSA 1116 (c) (3). Parents and Families will be offered opportunities for suggestions, and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any suggestions in a timely manner. ESSA 1116 (c) (4) (a).