Carthage Junior High School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2026-2027

Parent & Family Engagement (PFE) Program	
What is it?	Carthage Junior High School is committed to our vision: *We will build champions by developing confident learners, responsible leaders, and productive citizens prepared for the opportunities of the future.* One way we continue to do this is by participating in the Title I, Part A State Program. This program provides funding to schools with low socioeconomic status. In return, we promise to meet the expectations laid out for us by the Texas Education Agency and the United States Department of Education.
Funding	Title I funds will be allocated for the implementation of the parent and family engagement program. Such programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
Review	All use of funding and activities can be reviewed by the Texas Education Agency upon request to ensure they meet the needs of the PFE Program.

Parent Meetings	Parent Meetings offer a time for the school and family to communicate necessary information. These meetings will take place in teachers' classrooms or the cafeteria. You can enter through the main entrance facing Adams Street. ● First Six Weeks - September 21, 2026 / November 2, 2026 / TBD ● Fourth Six Weeks - Date / Time TBD
How to be involved	● Become a member of the CJHS PTO. ● Attend the meetings above and the family trainings/activities below. ● Talk to your child's teacher about how to help/volunteer in the classroom. Reach out via ROOMS or email. ● If you do not know your teacher's email or if you have not connected with the teacher through the ROOMS App, contact the principal at 903-693-2751 or salmeida@carthageisd.org .
Family Trainings/Activities	Family trainings are opportunities for family members to learn new knowledge and skills from other parents, community members, and educators. The schedule and locations listed below are subject to change. Any changes made will be communicated via Thrillshare messaging, emails, on our school website, and Facebook page. ● Meet-the-Teacher ○ Date & Time: ■ Tuesday, August 11, 2026 ■ 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ○ Location: Carthage Junior High School Classrooms ● Title I Parent Meeting ○ Date & Time: ■ Tuesday, August 11, 2026; 2:30 PM ■ Thursday, August 12, 2026; 12:30 PM ○ Location: Carthage Junior High School Library

	● Parent-Teacher Conferences (in person or virtual) ○ Dates & Times: You will sign up for a conference date and time with your child's teacher for that is convenient for both the parent and teacher. While September 21 and November 2 are designated staff development days, parent-teacher conferences may be scheduled at any time throughout the school year as needed or deemed appropriate by the parent or teacher. ○ Location: Carthage Junior High School Classrooms
Curriculum	Carthage Junior High School utilizes high-quality curricula that support student success. For Math, we use Bluebonnet Learning curricula. In all subjects, our curricula are aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge Skills.
Forms of Academic Assessments	Carthage Junior High School has common formative assessments that every teacher gives. No matter the teacher, each child is assessed via the same assessment provided by Bluebonnet Learning and supplemented with TEKS Resource System. Students at Carthage Junior High School also take part in the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR). All 7th Grade students take the Reading and Math STAAR. All 8th Grade students take the Reading STAAR, and they *either* take the Math STAAR or they take the Algebra I EOC. 8th Grade students also take the Science and Social Studies STAAR.
Expected Achievement Levels on Academic Assessments	The State's Performance Standards can be found on this website: https://tea.texas.gov/data-reports/student-assessment-results/staar-performance-standards Carthage Junior High School tracks each child's growth throughout the year via local assessments (mentioned above).
Ways to Request Regular Meetings	Guardians can bring any suggestions, ideas, or concerns to parent meetings. However, if they need to meet with the administrators or their child's teacher at another time, they can email that person or call the office at 903-693-2751. We welcome any ideas, feedback, and concerns as we want our school to be a place where everyone feels safe and welcome.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT
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Carthage Junior High School pledges to:

- Provide a safe and supportive environment for children to learn.
- Provide a high quality curriculum tied to the State's student performance standards.
- Provide qualified faculty and staff to ensure high-quality instruction and support.
- Strive to identify and address students' unique needs.
- Communicate regularly with parents on their student's progress and needs.
- Involve parents in decisions relating to the education of their children.

Parents/Guardians pledge to:

- Provide a safe and supportive environment for children to grow and develop.
- Send students to school on time and ready to learn.
- Encourage student learning by regularly reviewing students' homework.
- Visit school and participate in school activities—including open house, parent-teacher conferences, parent education programs, etc.
- Work closely with the classroom teacher(s) to ensure the success of their student.
- Adhere to school rules and provide direction to students regarding school rules.
- Take a stand against alcohol and drug abuse.

Students pledge to:

- Be active participants in their own learning.
- Be responsible learners.
- Be on time and prepared to work.
- Complete all classwork and homework.
- Follow school rules.
- Attend school regularly.
- Promote school safety.