Carthage Primary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2026-2027

Parent & Family Engagement (PFE) Program	
What is it?	Carthage Primary School is committed to our vision: *We will foster an environment focused on growth for every student that will inspire students to become life-long learners.* 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 - August 10, 2026 / 5:00 PM ● Fourth Six Weeks - Date / Time TBD

How to be involved	● Become a member of the Primary 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 903-693-2254 or jregister@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: ■ Monday, August 10, 2026 ■ 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM ○ Location: Carthage Primary School Classrooms, Cafe, Library and Gym ● Title I Parent Meeting ○ Date & Time: ■ Monday, October 5, 2026; 5:00 PM ○ Location: Carthage Primary School Cafeteria ● Open House ○ Date & Time: ■ Monday, October 5, 2026; 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM ○ Location: Carthage Primary School Classrooms/Campus

- Parent-Teacher Conferences (in person or virtual)
  - Dates & Times: You will sign up for a date and time with your child's teacher for either September 21, 2026, November 2, 2026, or any time convenient for both the parent and the teacher.
  - Location: Carthage Primary School Classrooms

- Fall Festival
  - Date & Time: October 23, 2026
    - Time TBD
  - Location: Carthage Primary School Gym, Cafeteria, and Hallways
  - Other: PTO volunteers will work at stations.

- Book Fair
  - Date & Time: March 8, 2027 - March 12, 2027
    - 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM each day (will remain open until 7:00 PM on March 9)
  - Location: Carthage Primary School Library
  - Other: PTO volunteers will help students with book selections.

- Spring Parent Night
  - Date & Time: March 9, 2027
    - Book Fair will remain open until 7:00 PM
  - Location: Carthage Primary School Classrooms, Library, and Cafeteria

- End-of-Year Field Day
  - Date & Time: May 7, 2027
    - Time TBD
  - Location: Bulldog Stadium

Curriculum	Carthage Primary School utilizes high-quality curricula that support student success. For Reading Language Arts and Math, we use Bluebonnet Learning curricula. Our curricula are 100% aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge Skills.
Forms of Academic Assessments	Carthage Primary 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.
Expected Achievement Levels on Academic Assessments	The State's Performance Standards can be found on this website: https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/staar/staar-performance-standards Carthage Primary 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 903-693-2254. We welcome any ideas, feedback, and concerns as we want our school to be a place where everyone feels safe and welcome.

School/Parent/Student Compact

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Carthage Primary School to:

- Provide a safe and supportive environment for children to learn.
- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction focused on differentiation for the growth of every student.
- Provide qualified faculty and staff to ensure high-quality instruction and support.
- Communicate regularly with parents on their student's progress and needs.

- Provide opportunities for guardians and families to participate in the decisions regarding the education and use of extracurricular time for their children.

Parents/Guardians pledge to:

- Provide a safe and supportive environment for children to grow and develop.
- Support their child's learning at home through dialogue, homework, and setting a positive example.
- Send students to school on time and ready to learn.
- Encourage student learning by regularly reviewing students' Bulldog Folders.
- Visit the 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.

Students pledge to:

- Be open and honest when needing help regarding learning.
- Act appropriately and do not disrupt the learning environment.
- Be active participants in their own learning.
- Complete all classwork and homework.

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