



Arp Independent School District
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2026-2027

Parent & Family Engagement (PFE) Program	
What is it?	<p>Arp ISD is committed to our vision. We believe in order to provide students with skills for search, research and discovery to expand their own horizons in life, there must be a solid, ongoing partnership between home, school, and the community. At Arp ISD, we are committed to providing high-quality instructional programs that prepare students for life outside of our school system. We are fortunate to participate in the Title I, Part A State Program. This program provides funding for low socioeconomic schools. In return, we will meet the expectations set forth by the Texas Education Agency in order to continue providing excellent opportunities for our students.</p>
Expectations & Objectives	<p>We understand that parents and families know their students better than anyone, and play an integral part in their student’s educational journey. The district shall involve parents in developing, implementing and evaluating our Title 1 Program in order to strengthen the home-school connection to increase student outcomes.</p> <p>Our goals for parent and family engagement are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Foster and maintain open two-way communication between school and home to support better focus in class, active participation, and stronger connections among parents, teachers, and students.● Form a connection between home and school that instills in students the value and importance of education.● Provide opportunities for parents to become involved so that children achieve greater academic success, improve behavior, attend school regularly, and strengthen social and adaptive abilities.● Equip parents with tools and strategies to support learning at home.● Seek and utilize parent and family feedback to continuously improve district and campus programs, communication, and engagement opportunities.

Arp ISD will:

1. Arp ISD shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of ESSA Section 1116 subsections (c) through (f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school; *Section 1116 (b)(1) & (e)(5)*
 - Arp ISD will distribute copies of the plan to parents at the beginning of the year as part of the registration process. A link will also be made available so that families may access the document online on the district's webpage. The PFE will be made available in English and Spanish. Printed copies will be kept in each campus office also. Parent groups will be convened to review and make revisions to the policy as needed.
2. Arp ISD shall convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved; *Section 1116 (c)(1)*
 - Each of our campus principals will hold an annual meeting in which parents are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be publicized in various ways including, newsletters, email, the district website, and social media. Information will be provided in English and Spanish. In the event that parents are unable to attend, the information will be sent home via email so that the information is still received.
3. Arp ISD shall offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, childcare, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement; *Section 1116 (c)(2)*
 - Meetings will be offered at more than one time so that parents will have the opportunity to attend. For example, the same meeting may be offered in a morning session and again in the evening. The same information will be presented in both sessions.
4. Arp ISD shall involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under section 1114(b) (Campus Improvement Plan), except that if a school has in place a process for involving parents in the joint planning and design of the school's programs, the school may use that process, if such process includes an adequate representation of parents of participating children; *Section 1116 (c)(3)*

- Arp ISD will assemble a committee of parents who evaluate the program's effectiveness and make necessary revisions to the plan as district needs change. Parent surveys will be administered annually and survey results will be reviewed to identify strengths, areas for growth, and opportunities to improve parent and family engagement activities.

5. Arp ISD shall provide parents of participating children— (A) timely information about programs under this part; (B) a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and (C) if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible; *Section 1116 (c)(4)*

Arp ISD communicates curriculum and assessment information as follows:

- District website
- Teacher newsletters
- Course syllabus
- Course guidebooks
- Social Media
- Local and state assessment reports
- Conferences

Arp ISD will strive to provide timely, consistent, and accessible communication regarding student learning, school events, district initiatives, and opportunities for family involvement through multiple communication platforms.

6. If the schoolwide program plan (Campus Improvement Plan, CIP) under section 1114(b) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency. *Section 1116 (c)(5)*

- Each campus's improvement plan is posted on the Arp ISD website, along with the district improvement plan. Printed copies are also available upon request. Parents are welcome to provide feedback, comments, or concerns by contacting their campus principal via email.

7. To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Arp ISD shall: *Section 1116 (e)*

- (i) provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding

such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve achievement of their children; *Section 1116 (e)(1)*

Arp ISD welcomes parents to participate in their child's education in some of the following ways:

- Easily accessible district and campus communication (website, email, social media, technology apps)
- Parent Portal gradebook access
- Parent informational events: Title 1 Meeting, Dyslexia Parent Night, Open House, FAFSA Night
- Family Social Events: Book Fair, Watch DOGS, Popsicles with Principals
- Campus Transition Events: Freshman Orientation, Meet the Teacher, etc.

(i) provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement; *Section 1116 (e)(2)*

Arp ISD strives to equip parents with tools to assist their child academically in some of the following ways:

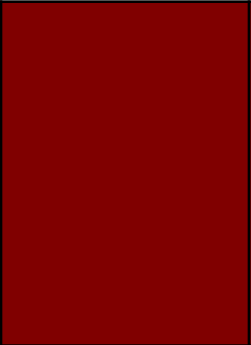
- Arp ISD website
- Math and Literacy Night
- Home resources - technology applications and student links

(iii) educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school; *Section 1116 (e)(3)*

Arp ISD seeks to educate school personnel in some of the following ways:

- Region 7 Service Center
- Arp ISD professional development
- Value and Utility Survey results from parents

(iv) to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State and local programs, including preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents more fully in participating in the education of their children; *Section 1116 (e)(4)*



Arp ISD intends to ensure that participation for parents is convenient by scheduling events so that parents can be involved in meaningful ways by:

- Holding events in conjunction with one another, rather than all at separate times. An example would be to combine an Open House Event with the Title 1 informational meeting so parents can attend both on the same night. When feasible, virtual participation opportunities, recorded informational sessions, or electronic resources may be provided to increase access for families who are unable to attend in-person events.

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