

Bayless Elementary School
Parent & Family Engagement Policy
2026-2027

What is it?	Lubbock ISD schools are committed to our vision: Every Child Every Day. We strive to provide a high-quality education to all students, and we believe that parental engagement and a strong home-school connection play a crucial role. One way we support the home-school connection is through participation in the Title I, Part A Program. Funding from this program supports students' academic achievement and parents' capacity building to support their students. Title I, Part A regulations require that each school served under the program jointly develop with and distribute to parents of participating children a written parent engagement policy that describes the requirements outlined in Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). At Bayless, we believe parents are an integral part of their child’s learning so we encourage parents to be actively involved in their education by participating in meaningful communication with school personnel and being actively involved in their child’s education.. Therefore, the Parent and Family Engagement Policy is developed by a committee of school administrators and personnel, as well as, parents. The policy is updated annually at the Spring Planning Meeting. The policy is distributed to parents at the Fall Parent Meeting. It is also posted on the Bayless website. Copies are available in the office upon request and available in English and Spanish.
Annual Meeting	Campuses will conduct an annual fall meeting to review the Title I, Part A program and Parent Family Engagement plan for the year. This meeting will be offered on two different days and at two different times. The Annual Fall meeting is held during Open House on an evening before school begins in August. The second meeting is held the second week of school in the morning. The dates are TBD. During this meeting parents are informed about the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School-Parent Compact. Parents are given dates of activities and invited to attend all activities.
Curriculum & Assessments	Lubbock ISD utilizes high-quality curriculum that supports student success. Students are assessed throughout the year in a variety of ways to track growth and progress, including district-wide standardized 9-week assessments. Students are assessed annually through the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, tests. Performance standards for STAAR can be found here: https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/student-assessment-results/staar-performance-standards LISD administers and tracks assessments in order to ensure every student is progressing in all curriculum areas. The following is a list of most assessments given in elementary school: TIA pre and post assessments; CFA’s-every subject & most grades that are teacher made to cover a unit of work; Circle-Pre-K at beginning, middle and end of year; AMIRA-a reading assessment administered monthly for grades K-5, an AMIRA assessment-administered at the beginning, middle and end of the year; IXL is a math assessment given in grades 1-5 at the

	beginning, middle and end of year; District Assessments (DA)- grades 2-5 in reading, math, science and social studies administered once every 9 Week Period; Benchmark (previous year's STAAR test)-grades 3-5 in reading and math and grade 5 in science to check curriculum that may need review; TELPAS- for all EB students in grades K and 5 to assess language skills; STAAR – grades 3-5 in reading and math and grade 5 in science to assess level of proficiency.	
Parent Family Engagement Opportunities	Lubbock ISD schools will build staff and parent capacity to strengthen their partnership in order to improve student academic achievement and foster parent engagement through various activities and events.	
	Parent involvement activities and events are offered throughout the school year. The following list includes, but is not limited to activities at Bayless.	
	<u>Activity/Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Open House/Title 1 Fall Parent Meeting	8/6/2026
	GOALS Day (full day)	10/30/2026
	Fall Festival	TBA
	Music Programs by grade level (Veteran's Day, Christmas, Valentine's Day)	Fall/Spring-TBA
	Holiday Lunches (Thanksgiving and Christmas)	November and December-TBA
Staff Training	Lubbock ISD works with all staff to recognize the importance of collaborating with parents as partners in student success. Through effective communication and appreciation of parental contributions, school-family partnerships are enhanced. Efforts to train and support staff may include, but are not limited to, the following:	
	Professional development including research showing improved academic and behavioral outcomes when families are engaged, real stories from staff on successful interactions, conversation starters for positive phone calls, templates for messages that invite collaboration, goal-setting with parents, role-playing difficult conversations, sharing academic struggles with empathy and solutions and putting ourselves in the parent role. We highlight cultural differences in how engagement may look. We revisit this topic throughout the year and provide mentoring for teachers who are struggling to make real connections with parents.	
Home-School Notification	Lubbock ISD campuses will send information to parents and families regarding student progress, school programs, meetings, and other activities in a format, and to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand.	
	Communication tools used at Bayless to inform parents of opportunities to participate include but are not limited to the Bayless website,	

	Bayless Facebook page, LISD website, Thrill share/Rooms, Parent Notification System, report cards and progress reports, parent conferences, flyers, individual phone calls and notes, calendars, Tuesday Folders. Information is also sent in Spanish when possible.
Requesting a Meeting	Lubbock ISD values the suggestions, ideas, and concerns of parents and family members, and we welcome ideas and feedback in order to make our campuses places where everyone feels safe and welcome.
	Parents are always welcomed at Bayless. Parents can call teachers and administrators to request a conference in person or by phone. Phone calls are returned as soon as possible but no more than 48 hours after the parent call. We welcome ideas and feedback at our fall and spring Title 1 meetings. Parents can meet informally with teachers at Open House, Family Nights and programs. Parents and teachers meet on GOALS Day, ARD meetings, 504 and SST meetings.
Translation of Plan	Lubbock ISD is committed to ensuring that all families have access to important information. All documents and communications are provided in both English and Spanish, and we welcome families to contact the school if translation is needed in any other language.
	Parents can access information about events, activities, school policy on the Bayless website and in the main office. Most informational documents are available in English and Spanish.