

Nueces Canyon District 2020-2021 Parental Involvement Policy

Mission and Vision

The mission of Nueces Canyon Elementary (NCE) is to collaborate with our families and community in order to prepare students for the future and equip them with 21st century skills. Rigorous instruction will be provided and an emphasis will be placed on preparing our students to be independent thinkers. NCE students will be ready for college and career opportunities and will become productive, respectful, and confident citizens who understand the value of serving others.

Pride, Passion, Purpose, Power...Preparing Panthers for the Future!

Purpose

NCE believes every child should have the opportunity to attain his/her full potential. Therefore, NCE will maximize its resources to enable each child to become a successful learner. A key resource is its people: administrators, teachers, school staff, parents, and community members. We will work together to establish effective partnerships; together everyone achieves more. School and home must work together to realize higher student achievement. Ongoing, two-way, meaningful communication will occur to facilitate mutual understanding and to stimulate student success.

NCE will make every effort to include parents in the development, evaluation, and revision of the Title I Program and the Parental Involvement Policy. The school-parent compact will describe the responsibilities of key stakeholders and useful channels of communication. The goal of our parental involvement program is student success.

Developing the Policy

The district planning committees will develop and revise the NCE Parental Involvement Policy. The policy will be presented at campus Title I parent meetings for review and revision. Upon completion, the Parental Involvement Policy will be presented to the NCE Board of Trustees for review and approval.

Annual Meeting

NCE will hold an annual meeting during the first six weeks of the new school year for all parents. At that meeting the Title I program will be described, the Parental Involvement Policy will be distributed and reviewed, and opportunities for parental participation will be explained.

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The annual meeting will be held for the convenience of parents, and translators will be present at each meeting, as needed. Parents will be informed about the meeting on the district website, by text remind, and notices will be sent home with students. We will have two meetings: one will be in the evening, and the other meeting will take place at noon on a different day, so all parents have the opportunity to attend.

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Additionally, NCE will duplicate other parent meetings and trainings (different dates and times) in an effort to ensure all parents have the opportunity to attend.

Since the goal of NCE is student success, the expectations for school performance, individual student assessments, and grade level curriculum will be provided in a format parents can understand.

Parents will be advised that the Parental Involvement Program will be evaluated annually and the policy will be revised to meet the needs of the students, school, parents, and community.

School-Parent Compacts

NCE will consult with district planning committees to annually develop, review and revise the school-parent compact. The compact will identify the responsibilities of the staff to provide high-level curriculum and instruction, and the expectations of the parents to provide support of their child's learning. The compact will address the best ways to maintain positive, timely communication between school and home. The compacts will be available to all parents and families on the school website and it will be discussed at parent-teacher conferences at the elementary school.

Programs and the School Community

NCE will annually assess the needs of the parents and children in the school community using a variety of tools including a survey or questionnaire. These tools will be used to find barriers to greater participation by parents. The findings will be used to revise the Title I program to meet the current needs. Professional development and parent meetings will be conducted as needed to develop the Title I program plan. Transportation, as well as daycare, will be provided to parents, as needed, to encourage and enable parent participation. We will have a training provided to parents on how to access materials to help their student at home with their core subjects. We will do this

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twice per year: one with reading/writing, and the other with math/science.

Staff-Parent Communication

1.3 In an effort to foster a strong partnership between parents and school, NCE will communicate with parents on a regular basis. Important information will be provided in the student handbook, the school-parent compact, and on the district website. Frequent notices about student performance will be sent home in the form of graded work, progress reports, and report cards. Parents are encouraged to regularly track student performance by using TX Connect and the site's automated email notification system. Additional information regarding student performance may be shared through phone calls, e-mails, and conferences. In so far as possible, all communication will be provided in a language and format the parents can understand. NCE will conduct parent-teacher conferences annually, during which the school-parent compact will be discussed. Parents are encouraged to contact the school or the child's teacher when questions or problems arise.

Information regarding school curriculum and student assessment can be found in the student handbook which is available on the district website at www.nccisd.net and in the campus office.

Funding

NCE is committed to the success of students. We will work together with parents to monitor the effectiveness of our Parental Involvement Policy and to provide excellence in education. This policy will be promoted by the school board, administrators, principals, and other school staff as we seek active participation by our parents.