2019-2020
Samuel Walker Houston Elementary
Parent Involvement Policy

Statement of Purpose

Samuel Walker Houston Elementary is committed to providing a quality education for every enrolled student. Just as our District Parent Improvement Policy outlines, our goal on this campus is to establish a partnership between parents, teachers and community members to create an environment that nurtures children, produces high academic success and prepares students for the futures that they create.

Developing the Parent Involvement Policy

The Parent Involvement Policy for Samuel Walker Houston Elementary is developed by the Campus Advisory Committee. This committee consists of teachers, administrators, parents, and community members that meet quarterly. Each year, the committee reviews and updates the Parent Involvement Policy to fit the needs of all Stakeholders. Input used to develop and update the policy is gathered from state, district, and school data as well as surveys from the parents.

Parent Meetings

A parent “Meet and Greet” is scheduled the week before school starts for students and parents to meet their child’s teacher and to give parents information regarding how they can become involved in our school. Open House is scheduled in September for parents to visit the school, learn about Title I requirements and programs, and to become familiar with the curriculum content that their child will learn. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled in October to discuss their child’s academic progress, to discuss and sign the home-school partnership describing how parents can help and to review grade level expectations.

Home-School Partnership

Samuel Walker Houston Elementary has developed a Home-School Partnership that outlines the responsibilities of the parent, the student, and the teacher(s) to ensure success for the student. The partnership is signed by the teacher, the student, and the parent.
Building Capacity

Samuel Walker Houston Elementary will build capacity by providing assistance to parents in understanding the functions of the school, their child’s curriculum requirements, the requirements of Title 1, Part A, monitoring student progress and ways to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children. These topics will be discussed during our Open House event and reinforced during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Matching Programs to the Needs of Our Community

Each year we will assess the needs of parents and students from data from the school, district and state as well as surveys. Programs and activities will be developed from the data collected to meet those needs identified.

Staff and Parent Communication

The staff has been trained in ways to effectively communicate with parents. Communication with parents may include monthly newsletters, monthly event calendars, parent conferences, home visits, phone contacts, written communications, and emails. Academic progress will be communicated every four (4) weeks by Progress Reports or Report Cards.

Evaluation

The Campus Advisory Committee & Campus Site Based Committee will review and evaluate aspects of the Parental Involvement Policy and make adjustments and revisions annually. Parent and student needs will be assessed through questionnaires and parent surveys.

Adoption of the Policy

The Samuel Walker Houston Elementary Parent Involvement Policy has been developed and reviewed jointly with, and agreed with, parents of children participating in a Title I, Part A Program. The Parent Involvement Policy was developed/revised by Samuel Walker Houston Elementary in May, 2018. This policy will be in effect for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. This will be available on our school website beginning September 2019.