



Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD Parent and Family Engagement Policy ESSA Section 1116 2023-2024

1. Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD will reach out to all parents and family members and implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents and family members in programs consistent with the requirements of ESSA Section 1116. Such programs, activities, and procedures shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children. Section 1116 (a)(1)

The Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD District- Wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) consist of district & campus staff, community members, business representatives, and parent members and meets 5 times during the school year. The committee will review and discuss current COCISD Parent & Family Engagement activities and provide feedback and/or recommendations. Each campus has parents that serve as members on their campus improvement committee, which reviews and may provide recommendations on the campus Parent & Family Engagement policy, as well as the campus School-Parent Compact. A Parent & Family Engagement Involvement survey is dissimulated and collected during the campuses Title I parent meetings held on each campus during the fall. The Parent & Family Engagement Involvement survey results are shared and discussed during the next Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD District- Wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) meeting.

2. Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD receives Title I, Part A funds. Our goal is to plan and implement effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance. Therefore, Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD will develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy. Section 1116 (a)(2)

- The policy shall be incorporated into the local educational agency's plan developed under section 1112 (District Improvement Plan, DIP),
- The policy will establish the LEA's expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family involvement.

Once the district's accountability data is released by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), a Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD district administrative representative will review the annual district and campus academic achievement reports, as well as the accountability rating for the district. The district representative will review and discuss the accountability rating data during a scheduled monthly COCISD Board of Trustees meeting. The accountability information is also shared during the upcoming COCISD DEIC meeting, in an effort to solicit feedback and recommendations. Each campus within COCISD has a designated PFE liaison to help coordinate and publicize PFE activities on their campus. Each campus Parent & family Engagement liaison will be responsible for coordinating a parent meeting to help review and make any updates to the Parent & Family Engagement policy



3. Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD will: involve parents and family members in jointly developing the local educational agency plan (DIP) under section 1112, and the development of support and improvement plans under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1111(d). Section 1116 (a)(2)(A)

The Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD District- Wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) meets several times during the school year and will review and discuss the goals and objectives on the current COCISD DIP. The DEIC members provide feedback on the COCISD District Improvement Plan and makes recommendations to be considered by district representatives. The COCISD District Improvement Plan is updated during the spring & summer with the committee and district staff recommendations. The COCISD District Improvement Plan is presented for approval during the July COCISD Board of Trustees meeting. Once the COCISD District Improvement Plan has been approved by the COCISD Board of Trustees, an electronic copy is placed on the COCISD website and printed copies are distributed to each campus administration office, as well as a copy is placed at the Coldspring Public Library.

4. Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools within the local educational agency, in planning and implementing effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, which may include meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations, or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents and family members in education. Section 1116 (a)(2)(B)

The Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD District- Wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) has members that represent each campus. In addition to representatives from the district & campus administration, each campus must provide three teacher members, three parent members, three community members, and two local business representatives. Each campus has a designated Parent & Family Engagement liaison to help coordinate and publicize PFE activities on their campus. Each campus secretary also creates and distributes a weekly call out on Friday evenings that informs the community members of upcoming activities & events on their campus. The district public relations coordinator creates and distributes a weekly COCISD newsletter in both an electronic and printed format. The newsletters are posted on the COCISD website and printed color copies are placed at newsstands around the community. In addition to weekly newsletter, the district's public relations coordinator also creates and distributes a weekly call out on Thursday evenings and updates the district's social media platforms daily to keep community members informed of upcoming PFE activities & events. Parents can view their child's current academic status by accessing the TX Connect Parent Portal on the district website. Teachers from each campus also utilize online technology resources to communicate with parents during each grading cycle about their student's academic progress. COCISD utilizes multiple online learning programs that have parental access, to allow parents the opportunity to be directly involved in their child's progress.



5. Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies under Title I, Part A, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children; Section 1116 (a)(2)(C) and Section 1116 (e)(4)

Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD host several Parent & Family Engagement events during the school year, which includes Pre K registration and Kindergarten Registration in the spring. Registration was also provided online this summer for all students. A Title I Parent Meeting is held during the fall semester on each campus at varying times to allow flexibility for parents and family members to attend. The Lincoln Junior High School campus will hosts multiple curriculum nights during the fall & spring semesters to provide hands-on activities to reinforce Math, ELA & Science objectives. The district also provides the Parent portal through the district website for parent access to their child's assignment/grades.

6. Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD will conduct, with the meaningful involvement of parents and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of all schools served under this part, including identifying—
Section 1116 (a)(2)(D)

- Barriers to greater participation by parents in activities authorized by this section (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background);
- The needs of parents and family members to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers; and
- Strategies to support successful school and family interactions;

Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD conducts a survey for the COCISD Parent & Family Engagement policy review during December, each year. The survey results are utilized as part of the policy evaluation, which takes place during the annual January District- Wide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) Meeting. DEIC representatives from the community, local business owners, teachers, parents and student groups review and discuss the survey results, as well as evaluates the policy to determine if any changes or updates needs to be made.

7. Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD will use the findings of such evaluation to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary, the parent and family engagement policies; and Section 1116 (a)(2)(E)

Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD reviews the Parent / Family survey results to learn how to more effectively involve parents in district and campus level activities. District and campus level staff members have utilized online presentation platforms this year to help engage parent & family members in the student learning process. The online meeting evaluations are also utilized to help district & campus teams update their PFE policy.



8. Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD will involve parents in the activities of the schools served under this part, which may include establishing a parent advisory board comprised of a sufficient number and representative group of parents or family members served by the local educational agency to adequately represent the needs of the population for the purposes of developing, revising, and reviewing the parent and family engagement policy and provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request.

Section 1116 (a)(2)(F) and Section 1116 (e)(14)

Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD provides parent & family members the opportunity to participate in several booster clubs. The Trojan Athletic Booster Club continues to offer several community engaging activities. The Coldspring FFA booster club host several fund raisers throughout the school year to help support their annual scholarship fund. In addition, the FFA Booster club will help supplement travel expenses for students to attend state and national FFA conventions.

James Street Elementary & Coldspring Intermediate School PTO continues to provide opportunities to work with teachers on extra resources for their students and classrooms.

The district continues to provide live streaming of all activities held at the highs school stadium and then host the recordings on the district's YouTube channel.

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9. To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD shall: Section 1116 (e)

(i) Providing assistance to parents of children served by the local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of the parent and family engagement program, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children; Section 1116 (e)(1)

The Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD Technology Department provides technology device trainings to parents when the devices are checked out. The Technology Instructional Content Specialist host Technology 101, as well as hosting numerous technology learning resources on her webpage on the district's website. The Instructional Content Specialist on each campus host regular data meetings campus administrators and ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science teachers. The district has a weekly call out to help inform parents of upcoming activities. The district also utilizes the Remind 101 app to help increase the communication between parents and the district.



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(ii) Providing 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)

Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD will provide multiple Technology 101 trainings during the school year. The trainings are designed to provide an opportunity for parents and their children to attend together to help navigate any technology challenges, learn new skills or simply enhance their technology knowledge. The trainings are created and conducted by the Instructional Technology Specialists and are supported by the district's Instruction Content Specialist. Each training provides an evaluation for attendees which allows parents the chance to make suggestions for future trainings or programs.

(iii) educating 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 in 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)

Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD provides professional development trainings to all zero and year one teachers each week located at the Jones Educational Complex. All new teachers are required to attend. The trainings will be provided by the district's Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, Instruction Content Specialist, and the district's Instructional Technology Specialists.

(iv) ensuring that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand; Section 1116 (e)(5)

Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD includes a link to the newly updated TEA English Learners Portal on the district website, located under the Departments Tab, Under the Special Programs listings and the Supporting English Learners link. Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD sends hardcopies of information related to school & parent programs home with students, as well as including the information during weekly campus call outs. The district's English as a Second Language (ESL) coordinator will ensure that the district's translation procedures will include providing updated Spanish versions of the district PFE policy, the school PFE policy, the school-parent compact, and the parent's right to know letter.

Signed by Authorized Official: Dr. Bryan Taulton

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