

## 2016-17 Family Engagement Policy

At Nordheim ISD, our vision is to have a dynamic learning community equips the leaders of tomorrow by providing each individual with the experiences and skills essential for success. Family Engagement in our schools helps make sure we fulfill our vision. In Nordheim ISD, our objective is to collaborate with families as full partners in the learning and development of their children. To accomplish this, our goals include:

Goal 1: Creating strong communication between the home and the school by:

1. Fostering effective communication between school/home through information sent home in notes, school calendars, and regular newsletters, personal contact, and the use of technology email, websites, voice messages, automated calls, social media, and more.
2. Sending information to parents in the language most commonly used at home.
3. Showing respect to families by responding quickly to questions, calls, and emails.
4. Providing timely information about a student's progress.

Goal 2: Developing lasting partnerships between schools, families, businesses and the community by:

1. Involving families, students, businesses and community partners to help identify needs.
2. Sharing information with families, community members and staff to recruit, develop, maintain, evaluate and recognize outstanding community partnerships.
3. Applying community service values and creating more educational opportunities that enrich students' and families' lives, promote "real-world" opportunities and help train leaders.
4. Distributing information about community resources to teachers and families.

Goal 3: Encouraging schools to provide families help that supports learning at home by:

1. Sharing information on importance of the family's role in learning.
2. Providing resources and training to families on activities for learning at home.
3. Providing lists on how to contact campus, district and community resources, when needed.
4. Providing information and help to families when the student is struggling academically.

Goal 4: Establishing strong relationships between school and home by:

1. Having opportunities for parents, family members, students and schools to work together.
2. Coordinating with parents and guardians to offer family-friendly events at schools and other locations.
3. Providing district support to campuses as they implement the following:
  - a. Parent involvement activities and events for families at a variety of times and places.
  - b. Annual meetings at each school to discuss and review campus services along with a review of the state's academic subject and achievement standards.
  - c. Yearly training to faculty and staff to enhance family engagement.
  - d. Increasing the number of families involved in their children's education each year.

Nordheim ISD's Family Engagement Policy will continue to be evaluated and updated annually. The 2016-17 Nordheim ISD Family Engagement Policy was reviewed and evaluated by the Nordheim ISD District/Campus Improvement Team on August 15, 2016.