



# Louis Wiener, Jr. Elementary School

*Where Who I Am and What I Do Make a Difference*

## 2020-2021 Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Our policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by school staff and parents of students served in the school pursuant to Title I. The Title I Annual Parent Meeting was held as a component of the Welcome to LWJES program which included information about the Title I program and the specific Title I program at LWJES through a video of the presentation on the school's website. This Parent and Family Involvement Policy will be distributed to families when it is approved by Title I reviewers. At that time, it will be made available to the community through the school's website. The results of the District Wide Parent Survey for Louis Wiener, Jr. Elementary School were considered in the creation of this policy and will be shared with the SOT and on the school's website. Parents who completed the survey in 2019 (a total of 66 in 2019 compared to 39 in 2018) indicated most positively that they felt welcome at the school, that classrooms were clean and organized, that teachers care about children, that children feel safe in the school, that the school involves families in most school events/activities, and that the school sets clear rules for behavior. The areas with the least positive responses were in the areas of receiving credible and transparent communication/information from the District, being informed about how fundraising monies were used, and being informed about grade-level curriculum. ParentLink messages are sent as reminders, and computers are available from the school to take the yearly District Wide Parent Survey.

Louis Wiener, Jr. Elementary School will use flyers, newsletters, ParentLink, and the school's marquee and website to invite parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way to be involved in the planning, review, and implementation of Title I programs, School Performance Plan, and Parent and Family Engagement Policy, along with other plans that benefit from the collaboration of stakeholders. Class Dojo will also be utilized to assist these efforts along with providing two-way communication between families and faculty. The school will also produce and share informative materials (flyers, recordings, etc.) that provide information about the application of funds from fundraisers.

The Educational Involvement Accord is integrated into the registration process through Infinite Campus. Parents must review this document prior to completing their child's registration. Administrators and teachers will have access to the Accord whenever needed for parent/student conferences or other occasions.

The administration and faculty at Louis Wiener, Jr. Elementary School will provide assistance to parents in understanding such topics as the state's academic content and achievement standards, state and local assessments, the requirements of Title I, how to monitor their student's academic progress, and how to work with the school faculty to improve the achievement of students. The school will also provide materials and trainings to parents to help them work with their children to improve student achievement, communicate with teachers to obtain information, and accessing materials and resources through technology and other formats. High quality curriculum, resources, and instruction will be provided to students to enable them to meet the requirements of state academic standards. With regard to professional development with the faculty and the administration, school faculty will be educated in the value and utility of contributions of parents and how to reach out and communicate effectively with them.

Parents and families will be provided with involvement activities in the school that will include opportunities for parents to volunteer and be involved in school activities, such as academic family nights, and the PTA to help make decisions that will ultimately affect student achievement. The school will coordinate with other community resources for families, including CCSD FACES, Title I HOPE, Operation School Bell, vision and dental services, and Three Square weekend backpack food services. Information regarding these programs is provided as requested. Families will be invited to participate in PTA afterschool meetings and events, learning about the School Performance Plan, Title I Plan, and a variety of other programs presented during the school year. The school will work to provide reasonable support for concerns and requests made by parents and families.

The school will provide information to families regarding parent programs, meetings, survey results, and current activities at the school in a format that parents can understand. This is demonstrated with distribution of information to families through flyers and newsletters from the office, ParentLink messages, and the Louis Wiener, Jr. Elementary School website ([www.lwj.es.vegas](http://www.lwj.es.vegas)).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, communications, programs, and activities will be modified and adjusted to accommodate ongoing health and safety protocols. For example, in-person meetings may shift to virtual presentations as needed. These modifications and adjustments will continue as required based on the current status of restrictions associated with meetings and events.