



Corpus Christi Montessori School

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District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, ESSA Section 1116

The District Parent and Family Engagement Policy sets the expectations for parent and family engagement in Corpus Christi Montessori School. It works to fulfill Corpus Christi Montessori School vision of *"At our school, children learn by discovery. They are joyful and confident. Building communities and nurturing the environment, Our children become ambassadors of the world."*

"The district seeks to collaborate with parents as full partners in the learning and development of their children through the following methods.

1. Corpus Christi Montessori School 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)].
2. Corpus Christi Montessori School 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, CC-Montessori 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)].
 - a. The policy shall be incorporated into the local educational plan developed un section 1112 (District Improvement Plan).
 - b. The policy will establish the LEA's expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family involvement.
3. Corpus Christi Montessori School will involve parents and family members in jointly developing the local education plan (District Improvement Plan) under section 1112, and the development of support and improvement plans under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 111 (d) [Section 116 (a)(2)(A)].
4. Corpus Christi will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist 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)].
5. Corpus Christi Montessori School will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies under Title I Part A, to the extent feasible and appropriate,

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- with other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs. Also conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, which encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children [Section 1116(a)(2)(C) and Section 1116 (e)(4)].
6. Corpus Christi Montessori School 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, including identifying [Section 1116 (a)(2)(D)]:
 - a. 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);
 - b. the needs of parents and family members to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers; and
 - c. strategies to support successful school and family interactions.
 7. Corpus Christi Montessori School 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. [Section 1116 (a)(2)(E)].
 8. Corpus Christi Montessori School 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)].
 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, Corpus Christi Montessori School shall:
 - a. Provide 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 assessment, 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)];
 - b. Provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using

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technology (including about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate to foster parental involvement [Section 1116 e (2)];

- c. Educate 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)];
- d. Ensure that information related to school 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)].

Corpus Christi Montessori School Parent and Family Engagement Policy is evaluated and updated annually with the help of parents.

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