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## Cove Charter Academy Parental and Family Involvement Framework and Plan 2019/2020

### Statement of Purpose:

The mission of Cove Charter Academy, in partnership with the community, is to graduate all students with skills and values to compete successfully as life-long learners in society by addressing the needs and recognizing the worth of each student through a coordinated program of instruction in a safe disciplined environment. To help accomplish this, our campus will provide increased opportunities for teachers, parents, and the community to become full partners in the education of its children. Cove Charter Academy will encourage and support parent and community involvement in campus activities in an effort to increase self-esteem and to promote positive attitudes toward school. The Priority Charter School district believes that a successful education system is directly related to a strong, dedicated, and supportive family and that parental involvement in the school is essential for the maximum educational achievement of a child.

### Overview:

Family engagement is defined as the mutual responsibility of families, schools, and communities to build relationships to support student learning and achievement and to support family well-being and the continuous learning and development of children, families, and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated in the child's educational experience and supports the whole child and is both culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate. TAC §102.1003. It has long been recognized by both researchers and practitioners that family engagement plays a non-negotiable role in education. It is no longer a suggestion, but rather a mandate, in Texas, with the passage of House Bill 4 in 2015. TEC §29.168, created by HB 4, 84th Texas Legislature, 2015, requires a school district or charter school to develop and implement a Family Engagement Plan to assist the district in achieving and maintaining high levels of family involvement and positive family attitudes toward education.

The local Family Engagement Plan must be based on the family engagement strategies established by TEA in collaboration with other state agencies. TEA has identified six family engagement strategies which must be incorporated into the local Family Engagement Plan.

1. Facilitate family-to-family support.
2. Establish a network of family resources.
3. Increase family participation in decision making.
4. Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning.
5. Provide professional development opportunities for educators on culturally responsive, evidence-based strategies that support the education of the child.
6. Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement.

Cove Charter Academy staff members see family and guardians as children’s first teachers and significant partners to be involved with their children’s continuing education. Parent and Family Involvement with Cove Charter Academy are vitally important to ensure the highest caliber education for Cove Academy students.

Cove Charter Academy school is allotted funds through the Federal Title I Program as a school-wide program, based on the percentage of free and reduced meal participants in the school. The following framework and plan outline activities and opportunities offered to parents during the school year to facilitate involvement in our school-wide program.

Involvement Category	Activities
<b>School to Home Communication</b>	Cove Monthly Newsletter Priority Student Handbook Progress Report Mid-grading Cycle Report Card each Grading Cycle Parent/Teacher Conferences Call Messenger Weekly Assignment Sheets School Web Page Individual Meetings, Phone calls, and Emails
<b>Opportunities for Parents/Families for Participation</b>	Family Night Cove “Town Hall” Meetings Monthly Fall Fest (October) Parent/Teacher Conferences (November, February, April) Family Game Night (November) Winter Program/Awards (December)

	<p>Family Academic Night (February) Volunteering at School PTO Field Trip Chaperones</p>
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