

# **Family Engagement Policy**2024-2025

# STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The DIS Board of Trustees, in collaboration with the administration and staff of Hughes Road Elementary, continues to focus on the importance of family involvement and community engagement. Hughes Road Elementary strives to create and maintain a welcoming atmosphere for parent and community involvement. Hughes Road Elementary encourages meaningful collaboration with all stakeholders so that communication between home, school, and the community is continuous and open. To ensure greater opportunities for student success, Hughes Road Elementary supports:

- · Strong parent involvement.
- · A positive working relationship between educators and families of all student groups.
- · Communication between school and families.

### PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Annually parents and school staff will work to revise and improve the District and Campus Parent Involvement Policies. The format and language of this policy is designed to be easily read and understood. Copies will be available on the district's website and are available to parents and other members of the community upon request.

### ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING/EVALUATION

Dickinson ISO uses Title I funds to provide school wide services for students on 14 campuses. Hughes Road Elementary is one of those 14 campuses. The Hughes Road Elementary Campus Improvement Committee will hold at least one meeting annually to review Title I, Part A parent involvement guidelines and services offered through the district. The meeting will be held at a convenient time and location. Notice of the meeting will be provided through invitation to parents and public notices. Copies of the Hughes Road Elementary Family Engagement Policy will be distributed and discussed at the meeting. Parents, administration, staff, and community members will be encouraged to become involved in revising

and updating the policy as necessary, and parent volunteers will be recruited for various district committee appointments.

# SCHOOL COMPACT

In accordance with Title I regulations, each Title I school and its parent representatives will evaluate Hughes Road Elementary School Compact annually and revise it if needed. This compact will identify ways the school, parents, and students can share the responsibility for student performance and success. A copy of the Hughes Road Elementary School Compact detailing these responsibilities will be available on our campus website, distributed to parents through flyers, parent-teacher conferences, and upon request. Parent/student signatures will not be required; however, parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact with their child.

# PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Hughes Road Elementary School will support many ways of parental involvement as they strive to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. Parents and community members may contribute by volunteering at school and creating a supportive environment. Parent and community member suggestions for improving Hughes Road Elementary School are encouraged and welcomed. Successful school, parent, and community communication will strengthen and reinforce everyone's desire for continued achievement for every child in the district. The following activities, programs, and /or services are provided by Hughes Road Elementary to strengthen the partnership between school, home, and community:

- · Meet the Teacher Night before school begins
- Use of Skyward to communicate student progress
- · Open House
- · Career Day
- · Multimedia Parent Communication/Event communication
- · Book Fair
- · Celebrity Reader
- · Family Nights
- ·PTO
- · Grade Level Performances
- · Classroom Celebrations
- · Field Day
- · Parent/Teacher Conferences
- · Awards Programs

### STAFF/PARENT COMMUNICATION

Newsletters, conferences, personal contacts, and written notices will be utilized to establish and maintain an open line of communication. In addition, our website and other internet and electronic sources will be kept up to date in an effort to inform families. All Hughes Road Elementary staff members will make every effort to communicate positively and work effectively with parents and community members.

# FUNDING /COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

A minimum of one percent of the Title I, Part A funds will be set aside by Dickinson ISO for purposes of parental involvement activities. The District distributes a large portion of these funds proportionally to the Title I campuses. Hughes Road Elementary School will spend Title I funds according to identified comprehensive needs and Title I guidelines. Coordination, technical assistance, and other support will also be provided by the district to assist campuses and families in planning and implementing parental involvement activities. This coordination will include other programs to maximize district, state, and federal monies.

### CONCLUDING STATEMENT

Hughes Road Elementary is committed to the success of students. We will work with parents, community members, and Hughes Road Elementary staff to monitor the effectiveness of our Parental Involvement and Title I Programs to provide excellence in education. This policy will be promoted by the administrators, principals, and other Hughes Road Elementary staff as we seek active participation by our parents.