



Morton Ranch Junior High Parent Family Engagement (PFE) Policy 2024-2025

Statement of Purpose

Morton Ranch Junior High believes that our school should positively impact the community by promoting student achievement and social-emotional growth for all students. The campus priorities include improving achievement in math and reading, providing character education to promote social-emotional growth, and to support our Emergent Bilingual students with more resources for language acquisition. All students will receive extensive academic support in the areas of math and reading through before and after school tutorials, intervention courses, and online opportunities such as MyPath and MyLexia. All students will participate in character education with the implementation of Character Strong lessons and Project Class. Lastly, our emergent bilingual students will be provided with intervention before, during, and after school and teachers will be provided with training in building language rich classrooms. An integral part of achieving these goals is through the support of our families and community.

A PFE policy is designed to promote parental involvement that supports our school's mission and vision as well as our goals through Title I Part A. An advisory team will annually review, evaluate, and modify this policy to better support our campus goals. Our PFE was created jointly with the parents, community, and teachers of MRJH. The PFE will be distributed through our website and linked on weekly communication emails. The PFE will be translated into the languages that represent our student population.

An annual Title I meeting shall convene at varying times and days in which all families of MRJH student's will be invited and encouraged to attend. The goal of the annual meeting is to inform parents of our goals for Title I and review our campus needs assessment. A description of the PFE Policy will be shared and a survey will be distributed for feedback from parents. The Campus Advisory Team will be responsible for inviting, conducting, and distributing all matters relating to the Annual Title I Meeting.

The effectiveness of our programs and parental involvement will be evaluated throughout the year. Data will be collected through surveys and feedback for more effective parental involvement. Modifications and ways to improve our practices will be reviewed and reported.

Title I Funds will be allocated towards student achievement and social-emotional growth. The Campus Advisory Team, parents, and teachers will have input into the use of funds. Funds may be used for professional development, extended day activities, instructional materials, program implementation, staff salaries, and parent involvement opportunities. MRJH will distribute valuable information about the curriculum, grading policies, and testing calendars. The KISD website also provides this information. News related to Title I will be posted on the MRJH website, in the school newsletter, on the marquee, through social media, and fliers.

Developing the Policy

An Advisory committee was formed consisting of parents, community members, teachers, and administrators to develop the Morton Ranch Junior High's Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Policy. The parent volunteers will represent the diversity of the student population and a translator will be present. The committee will meet to write, revise, and publish the PFE Policy that will encourage and support parental involvement at MRJH. The PFE Policy is a fluid document and can be revised based on the needs of our stakeholders.

Morton Ranch Junior High developed the PFE policy in August 2023 and is updated every year. The PFE Review will be held on Wednesday 9/25 at 5:00pm in the MRJH LGI. We will review MRJH's goals of Title I and how being a Title I school positively impacts our campus. We will build capacity with an icebreaker where the PFE committee discussed famous compacts in history and their importance throughout the world. The PFE committee agreed upon the statements that best reflected how MRJH, parents, and students could support student achievement. All committee members agreed upon the Parent-School Compact and the compact will be distributed to parents through the main office, Maverick Mail, and all school functions. The compact is available in English and in Spanish.

Annual Meetings

Morton Ranch Junior High will conduct multiple annual Title I meetings to review the Title I program and provide updates to any changes made. At the meeting, the Title I program will be described, the PFE policy will be distributed and opportunities for parental participation will be explained.

The first annual Title I meeting took place during "Ranch Round Up" on Thursday August 8, 2024 at 5:30pm in the MRJH Competition Gym. All distributable materials and the presentation were translated into English and Spanish. Parents were notified about the Annual Meeting via Maverick Mail, announcements, and through Blackboard communication.

The second Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday October 1, 2024 at 9:30am on Microsoft Teams. Parents will be informed through electronic correspondence such as The Maverick Mail, distributed invitations from the campus, and posted fliers.

Additionally, the evaluation of the Title I program and PFE will be conducted through a survey that will be available online in multiple languages to reach as many parents as possible. These surveys

will be geared toward how to help support student achievement and parental involvement. Parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's education and offer suggestions as we work together to ensure their child succeeds at Morton Ranch Junior High.

Building Capacity

Morton Ranch Junior High values the partnership of the parents in their children's education. During the creation of the PFE, parents, staff, and administrators met to build capacity and further develop a partnership. Through the activities conducted and the surveys administered, we have created a School-Parent Compact that supports the Title I initiatives at MRJH.

Morton Ranch Junior High will:

- Respect the school, students, staff and families.
- Provide meaningful instruction in a safe, caring, and pleasant atmosphere.
- Foster high standards of academic achievement and positive behavior.
- Help students experience success in the classroom environment.
- Participate in professional development opportunities that improve teaching and learning.
- Support students in extracurricular activities.
- Support the formation of partnerships with parents and communities.
- Offer student and parent education on the Katy ISD and MRJH technology, procedures, and curriculum.

Parents will:

- Respect the school, staff, parents, and families.
- Ensure my child attends school regularly and is on time.
- Model a positive attitude towards school.
- Communicate the importance of education with my student.
- Maintain communication with MRJH by reading the school newsletter, regularly checking HAC, and voicing my concerns. Support school activities by participating in school functions.

Students will:

- Advocate for myself when I have a question.
- Take responsibility for my behavior and learning by following MRJH's procedures and policies.
- Respect the school, classmates, and families.
- Come to school ready to learn by being prepared and a productive member of my classroom.

Other ways in which parents are encouraged to participate in their child's education are:

- Campus Volunteer (sign up through the link <https://www.katyisd.org/Page/8777>)
- Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
- Family Events (see below)
- CAT Team
- Book Fairs
- Keys Mentor

- Field Trip Chaperones and Volunteers
- Attend Sporting Events
- Attend Fine Arts programs such as choir concerts, band and orchestra concerts, theater productions, art shows
- Katy ISD Parent Advisory Committee

MRJH will host the following Family Trainings and Activities:

- Ranch Roundup/Title I Annual Meeting
 - Date and Time: Thursday August 8, 2024 @ 5:30-7:30pm
 - Location: Morton Ranch Junior High
 - Other info: 6th-8th Grade Students will receive their schedules and walk to see where their classes are
- Love and Logic Classes
 - Date and Time: Tuesdays from September 17, 2024 - November 4, 2024
 - Location: Morton Ranch Junior High
 - Other info: This is a parenting class with materials provided from the KISD. These sessions will take place in Spanish.
- Curriculum Night/Parent Family Compact Review
 - Date and Time: Wednesday September 25, 2024 @ 5:30-7:30pm
 - Location: Morton Ranch Junior High
 - Other info: Students and parents will be given an explanation of the curriculum used in school, forms academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the Curriculum pamphlet will be distributed in English and in Spanish
- Title I Annual Meeting
 - Date and Time: Saturday October 1, 2024 @ 9:30am
 - Location: Morton Ranch Junior High Cafeteria
 - Other info: Title I Annual Meeting will be on Teams with parents pre registering for the meeting. It will be hosted in English and in Spanish.
- Literacy Night
 - Date and Time: Thursday October 23, 2024 @ 5:30-7pm
 - Location: Morton Ranch Junior High Cafeteria
 - Other info: Students and parents will be able to attend the Book Fair, food and drinks will be available
- Community Cookout
 - Date and Time: Thursday November 21, 2024 @ 5:30-7pm
 - Location: Morton Ranch Junior High Courtyard
 - Other info: Games and food will be provided, Community resources will be available
- Multicultural Night
 - Date and Time: Mach 2025
 - Location: Morton Ranch Junior High Cafeteria

- Other info: Students will represent their different cultures, languages, and countries with different table exhibits. The booths will have light refreshments.
- A Night Under the Rainbows
 - Date and Time: April 2025
 - Location: Morton Ranch Junior High
 - Other info: A celebration of Autism Awareness Month
- Any other planned events will be announced via weekly communication, the website, Blackboard communications,, and announcements.

Our School-Parent Compact, program information, website information, notices, and announcements will be written in languages that represent our student population to promote the inclusion and participation of all families within our community.

Programs and the School Community

Annually, the Title I program at Morton Ranch Junior High will assess the needs of the identified Title I students and parents within our school community. A variety of tools will be utilized to determine the effectiveness of our Title I program including but not limited to surveys and questionnaires distributed throughout the year. The CAT team will review the information and revise our CIP and PFE to better serve our students.

Our staff is also diligent at monitoring student achievement and academic progress through the use of formative and summative assessments. This data guides the staff's implementation of instruction and TEKS to provide more support to students. Data is always used to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all learners.

Workshops and trainings will be provided to educators and parents to address the specific needs of our campus. Parents will be notified of these trainings and opportunities through all means of communication.

School-Parent Communication

Morton Ranch Junior High will communicate with parents on a weekly basis. Important information will be provided in the KISD Student Handbook, "Guide to Curriculum" pamphlet, the School-Parent Compact, the PFE, and on the district website. Notification about individual students will be provided to parents every 3 weeks. Parents will be notified at those times about their student's academic achievements and means to improve if necessary. This information will be disseminated by email, phone calls home, and/or conferences. When possible, all communication will be provided in the home language of the student and in a format parents can understand. Parents are encouraged to contact the school or the child's teacher when questions or concerns arise.

Parent-Teacher Communication at Morton Ranch Junior High:

- Home Access Center updates
- Email Notifications
- Telephone calls
- Progress Reports
- Report Cards
- Individual notices
- Maverick Mail
- Marquee

Contact Information:

Katy ISD Homepage: <https://www.katyisd.org/Katy%20ISD>

MRJH Homepage: <https://www.katyisd.org/MRJH>

MRJH Weekly Communication:

<https://www.smore.com/07gdba-mrjh-maverick-mail?ref=email-content#w-1987458539>

MRJH Phone Number: (281) 237-7400

Title I Coordinator Information: Kelly Leathers (281) 237-7502

Funding

Morton Ranch Junior High will spend Title I funds according to the identified, comprehensive needs assessment and the Title I guidelines and will document activities and expenditures. Funds will be used for: staff salaries, materials, supplies, activities, parent and teacher training for effective methods/instructional strategies that increase the quality of learning at Morton Ranch Junior High.

Concluding Statement

Morton Ranch Junior High believes that our school should positively impact the community by promoting student achievement and social-emotional growth for all students. We are dedicated to collaboratively working together to ensure the achievement of our students. We will monitor the effectiveness of our parent involvement and Title I program. Administrators, teachers, and school staff will advocate for the benefits of our Title I PFE policy. Parent engagement is essential to making a significant impact in reaching academic, social, and emotional excellence for every child at Morton Ranch Junior High.

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