Terra Linda Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2026–2027

Our Commitment to Families

At Terra Linda Elementary School, our parents are a huge part of student success. We believe that when families feel welcome the moment they walk through our doors, amazing things happen for children. Every parent has the right — and a standing invitation — to be an active partner in their child's education, and we want every family to know they are a valued, essential part of our school community.

It takes a team to develop a successful student. We are partners with families in academics, and just as importantly, we want our students and families to feel represented and celebrated at school. This policy describes how Terra Linda Elementary will build and strengthen that partnership each year.

Partnering in Decision-Making

Terra Linda Elementary will engage parents and families in the joint development of our school Parent and Family Engagement Policy and school parent involvement plan under Section 1116 of the ESEA. Families serving on PTA, the School Community Council, and other school committees will help review, revise, and approve this policy annually.

Annual Title I Meeting

Each school year, Terra Linda Elementary will hold an annual Title I meeting to engage parents and families in the joint planning and development of our Title I plans. Families will learn what Title I funding

provides, how it supports their children, and how their voice shapes our program decisions.

Two-Way Communication and Family Feedback

Terra Linda Elementary will conduct an annual survey of families to evaluate the success of our communication and Title I programs. Survey results are reviewed with families and school leadership and used to make meaningful improvements. Throughout the year, we maintain open, two-way communication through [newsletters, phone calls, conferences, email, and our school website].

Reviewing Our Progress Together

Annually, Terra Linda Elementary will engage parents and families in reviewing the academic progress of our school and our School Improvement Plan. Together we will examine state assessment data and school-level results, discuss what the data means for every learner, and help set priorities for the year ahead.

Removing Barriers to Participation

Terra Linda Elementary will work with families to identify barriers that make it difficult to participate in school activities and decision-making — such as scheduling, transportation, childcare, or language — and will jointly create plans to reduce those barriers. Activities, conferences, and committee meetings will be scheduled with flexibility to offer more families the chance to take part.

The Parent-School Compact

Terra Linda Elementary will engage parents and families in developing, implementing, and reviewing our Parent-School Compact, which describes how families, school staff, and students share responsibility for

improved student achievement. The Compact will be reviewed with families, sent home in hard copy for signatures, and posted on the school website.

Title I Programs and Funding

Terra Linda Elementary will engage parents and families in the review of the benefits and programs provided to our school through Title I funding, ensuring families understand how these resources support their children's learning.

Building Capacity for Engagement

Terra Linda Elementary will build families' capacity to support their children by:

- Welcome communication in every language. Providing information in families' home languages, using clear, understandable terms to explain state standards, assessment requirements, and each child's academic progress and needs — through conferences, newsletters, and school communications.
- Supporting the whole family. Connecting families with community resources that meet basic needs, and offering support for the challenges families face.
- Learning together. Offering opportunities for families to learn how they can support learning at home, along with training in areas such as English language learning, computer skills, and parenting support.
- Family engagement nights. Hosting family engagement nights throughout the year that support our academic goals while giving families the chance to simply enjoy being part of our school community.

- Volunteering and sharing talents. Encouraging volunteers and inviting parents to showcase their skills, talents, and cultures in classrooms, at school events, and on field trips.
- Family activities. Providing student-parent activities throughout the year so families can participate in safe, fun experiences that bring our community together.

Sharing Our Policy

The following members reviewed and approved the 2026–2027 Terra Linda Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy. This policy will be distributed to all families, displayed on the school website, and kept in the Title I binder in the front office.

POSITION	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Principal	Yajaira Martinez		
Assistant Principal	Kirt Davis		
PTA/PTO Representative	Jenn Richards		
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