



Parent Support Office

The primary goals of the Austin ISD Parent Support Office are:

- **Promote, facilitate and develop parent/family engagement in Austin schools.** This includes building capacity for parent leadership in the District, working with Parent/Teacher Associations (PTAs) and other community groups to engage and support parents, and identifying resources for parents and families.
- **Develop programs and tools that help families navigate AISD schools.** This includes identifying or developing opportunities and vehicles for parent information (e.g. workshops and flyers on reading a report card, successful parent/teacher conferences, school registration) and troubleshooting.
- **Support and coordinate the work and professional development of Austin ISD’s Parent Support Specialists** and provide guidance and support to other District staff working with parents.

The Austin ISD Parent Support Office works to coordinate these efforts to address school/student performance, align them to the District focus, and make the work accountable.

District Mission

In partnership with our community, Austin ISD exists to provide a comprehensive educational experience that is high quality, challenging, and inspires students to make a positive contribution to their community.

About Parent Engagement

From the Austin ISD Board Policy:

“...It is imperative that parents, families and the Austin community be involved in the process ...”

“**Parent, Family and Community Involvement** shall be defined as the engagement of parents, families and the community as partners with schools for the purpose of promoting success throughout a child’s educational experience.”

From the Austin ISD Strategic Plan 2005-2010, Priority 5

“Build strong partnerships with parents and the community at the classroom, campus and district levels”

“Strategies: 5.1”

“Create and implement a variety of ways to actively engage, involve, and respond to parents and the community, including volunteerism and partnerships, and the effective utilization of Campus Advisory Councils and Parent Support Specialists.”

Support for Schools

The Austin ISD Parent Support Office provides support to schools in their vertical team configurations. A vertical team is a high school and all the middle and elementary schools that feed into it.

Parent Support Coordinators

The Parent Support Coordinators develop links between the schools on each vertical team, between the schools and district / community resources, and among the schools districtwide. They provide individualized support to schools in the area of Parent Engagement.

Vertical Teams and Parent Support Coordinators	
Akins HS	Austin HS
Anderson HS	Lanier HS
Eastside Memorial HS	McCallum HS
LBJ HS	Reagan HS
<i>Parent Support Coordinator</i> Pamela Wade phone: 414-3485	<i>Parent Support Coordinator</i> Tonia (TA) Vasquez phone: 414-6806
	Bowie HS
	Crockett HS
	Travis HS
	<i>Parent Support Coordinator</i> Teri Velasquez phone: 414-6802

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