

Parental Involvement in



Comal Independent School District is committed to the goal of providing a quality education for every child enrolled in its schools. Recognizing that parental involvement is the key to academic achievement, we seek to involve parents in an effective home-school partnership that will provide the best possible education for our students.

The district encourages parent involvement and supports this partnership by providing information about standards and assessments; providing training and materials for parents to help their children; educating school personnel about involving parents and the value of parent contributions; and developing roles of community organizations and businesses to work with parents and schools.

Providing all Comal ISD students with equal access to quality education is of primary purpose. It is critical that all partners (students, parents, educators, and communities) have the opportunity to provide input and offer resources to meet this purpose.

School board members often times have final authority on decisions affecting schools and the district. Members represent the entire school district even though they are elected from seven single-member districts. The duties and powers of the school board are spelled out in board policy BAA (LEGAL) ([http://www.tasb.org/policy/pol/private/046902/pol.cfm?DisplayPage=BAA\(LEGAL\).pdf](http://www.tasb.org/policy/pol/private/046902/pol.cfm?DisplayPage=BAA(LEGAL).pdf))

Here are some tips on getting involved in Comal ISD:

- Join and become actively involved in your children's Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) at the schools
 - Volunteer on your children's campuses
- Attend Parent/Teacher conferences; feel free to ask your children's teachers for conferences when needed
- Join and become actively involved in your schools' booster clubs
- Participate in the Parent Resource Centers at Morningside, Startzville, Bill Brown, Freiheit, Goodwin Frazier, Oak Creek, and Rebecca Creek elementary schools, and Canyon Lake HS
 - Sign-up for and monitor your children's grades online through Comal ISD's website and the Parent Connection link on the homepage
- Attend the district's Parent Community Summits featuring timely topics and presentations to help parents
 - Sign up for Hot News email listserv messages sent from schools and the district throughout the year on timely and important topics
- Use the "contact form" on the Comal ISD's website to ask questions or write comments
 - Visit school and teacher websites for updated information
- Consider serving on the Site-based Decision Making (SBDM) Committee at the campus level
- Consider serving on the Comal Education Foundation's Board of Directors
- Consider serving on the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) that makes decisions regarding curriculum and other matters
- Consider participating in the Gifted/Talented Parent Group that meets several times a year, and attend the Gifted/Talented informational meetings held every fall.
 - Consider serving on the Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) that makes decisions regarding curriculum and student health and wellness programs
- Consider serving on a school name committee when a new middle or high school is planned for your community
- Attend Comal ISD town hall meetings when held on important topics
 - Call or email your children's teachers or principals as needed
- Subscribe and listen to Comal ISD podcasts featuring important topics and information from the district (subscribe via the CISD website)
 - Read and stay informed through the monthly edition of SchoolLife, the district's parent newspaper
- Complete and return specific surveys as provided to give input to planning and program decisions