



PREKINDERGARTEN FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN 2016-2017

Family engagement is the mutual responsibility of families, schools, and communities to build relationships to support student learning and achievement and to support family well-being and the continuous learning and development of children, families, and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated into the child's educational experience and supports the whole child and is both culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate.

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Background

Fort Bend ISD received funding through a Texas High Quality Prekindergarten Grant just prior to the 2016-2017 school start-up. The intent of the grant is to improve prekindergarten programming through strategies such as program expansion, increasing teacher's highly qualified teaching status beyond certification, purchasing instructional materials to support instruction in the ten prekindergarten learning domains and to improve family engagement.

While there are many assurances the district must meet as a recipient of this grant, one specific compliance component states that FBISD "will post its family engagement plan on the district, charter or campus website".

Engagement Plan Development Process

The initial meeting for the plan's development took place December 7, 2017, followed by committee meetings on January 4, 2017 and February 22, 2017. The committee incorporated the mandated family engagement categories set forth within the Texas Administrative Code Chapter 102.1003 and developed strategies to meet the needs of schools and families in FBISD. The follow list represents committee members included in the development process:

Kristi Durham, Director of Elementary Curriculum
Megan Evans, Director of Accountability
Pamela Shaw, Director of Family and Community Engagement
Deidre Holloway, Director of State and Federal Programs
Stacey Crews, Director of Communications
Amanda Salazar Flores, Grants Coordinator
Jennifer Sowell, Coordinator of Title I Campus Support
Tammu Obey, Coordinator Special Programs
Angie Hanan, Consultant to Curriculum and Instruction

Moving Forward

Prior to the development of the Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan, the other family engagement plan in place was the Title I Family Engagement Plan. Contributing committee members know the Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan will serve as catalyst and building block for the district's long-term family engagement planning goals. The district will evaluate outcomes of the strategies implemented within this plan to determine effectiveness. Some strategies will be evaluated over a two-year time frame.

**Fort Bend ISD Family Engagement Plan – Prekindergarten
2016-2017**

Family Engagement Indicator	2016-2017 Strategy	Responsible	Strategy Deployment Date
FBISD will facilitate family-to-family support.	FBISD will create a Department of Parent and Community Engagement to support volunteerism and community partnerships, district-wide grades Prek-12.	Superintendent, BOT	July 2016
	Develop a plan to increase PreK parent volunteerism.	Director, Parent & Community Engagement	October 2017
	Designate a meeting for prekindergarten parents only to encourage family-to-family support.	Director, Parent & Community Engagement	October 2017
FBISD will establish a network of community resources.	FBISD will partner with Thankful Hearts of Texas to improve the lives of disadvantaged prekindergarten students through an adopt-a-school program targeting PreK students.	Director, Parent & Community Engagement	February 2017
	Determine how to recruit FBISD community partners to support prekindergarten programming.	Director, Parent & Community Engagement	October 2017

	FBISD will continue its partnership with the Health & Human Service Commission in Austin to support the foster grandparent program. Foster grandparents are assigned to 5 prekindergarten campuses.	Director, Parent & Community Engagement	August 2016
FBISD will increase family participation in decision-making.	FBISD will encourage campuses to recruit prekindergarten parents to become members of the CBLT.	Department of School Leadership Campus Principals Director of Advanced Academics and Enriched Learning Opportunities	School start-up 2017-2018
	Include parent members on the Full-Day PreK Exploratory Committee.	Executive Director of Special & Federal Programs	February 2017
FBISD will equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning.	Provide all Prekindergarten parents access to an online subscription to ReadyRosie to promote parent-child conversations and activities that support learning and engagement.	Consultant to Curriculum & Instruction Student Information Systems Campus Teachers	April 2017
	Provide consumable family engagement backpacks and corresponding parent training to promote early literacy and math skills at home.	Director, Elementary Curriculum Consultant to Curriculum & Instruction Campus Principals Campus Teachers	April 2017

	Utilize campus parent educators on Title I campuses to support prekindergarten parents with school-home learning connections through campus resource centers.	Title I Coordinator	August 2016
	<p>FBISD will provide a six-part family engagement learning series for parents on the following topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Family Practices in Child Development • Language & Literacy: Engaging with Your PreK Child • Math for Young Children: Engaging with Your PreK Child • Responsive Behavior Strategies • Getting Ready to Read with your PreK Child • Preparing for Transition to Kindergarten 	Director, Elementary Curriculum Consultants to Curriculum & Instruction	April 2017
FBISD will develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks.	<p>Develop four 20-30 minute professional development mini-sessions for principals to use with PreK teachers on such topics as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communication strategies to use with families. ○ Culturally responsive family engagement strategies 	Director of Advanced Academics and Enriched Learning Opportunities Supervisor of Early Childhood Consultant to Curriculum & Instruction Campus Principals	August 2017
	Prekindergarten teachers will be trained to utilize the CLI-Engage/Circle Monitoring parent communication platform to provide parents with periodic student progress feedback and strategy recommendations for working with their children at home.	Region IV Consultant Campus Principals Classroom Teachers	February 2017

FBISD will evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuously improvement.	Create a District Parent and Community Engagement Plan that will improve parent, business and community engagement that will support student learning.	Director, Parent & Community Engagement	August 2017
	Evaluate District Parent and Community Engagement Plan	Director, Parent & Community Engagement	August 2018
	Analyze Prekindergarten parent feedback on K-12 insight Culture & Climate Survey from district-wide survey distributions from 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2017-2018.	Director of Communications Grant Coordinator Consultant to Curriculum & Instruction	June 2017
	Review District Strategic Plan and Campus Strategic plans to determine trends in family engagement, specifically for prekindergarten families and how those plans align with instruction and learning goals.	Grant Coordinator	January 2017
	Require campus strategic plans to include a measureable strategy in their 2017-2018 campus improvement plan to promote family engagement for prekindergarten families.	Chief of Staff Director, Elementary Curriculum Campus Principals Title I Coordinator of Campus Support Director, State & Federal Programs Director, Accountability Department of School Leadership	June 2017

	Collect/Analyze Prek parent learning session evaluations to promote continuous improvement for future parent training.	Consultants to Curriculum & Instruction Supervisor of Early Childhood	July 2017
	Review Title I School-Parent Compacts, long-term and short-term goals and the impact of Title I family engagement activities to determine if the activities should be implemented district-wide in Prekindergarten programs.	Consultant to Curriculum & Instruction Title I Coordinator	February 2017
	Evaluate Prekindergarten programming and family engagement.	Director, Accountability Grants Coordinator Director of Advanced Academics and Enriched Learning Opportunities Consultant to Curriculum & Instruction	August 2017