



Family Engagement Plan



Tomball Independent School District is committed to increase student achievement by strengthening educational programs and bonds between schools, families, and the community by providing services to students and parents. This includes encouraging family involvement and participation in school meetings, family nights and activities.

A. Facilitate family-to-family support

Tomball ISD will create a safe and respectful environment where families can learn from each other as individuals and in groups. Participants will be invited to share educational and career experiences with current families, and ensure opportunities for continuous participation in events designed for families.

- Parent Prep Academy. This program offers monthly parent courses. These courses will be held twice a day at their home campus. The purpose of this 4-class program is designed to strengthen families by developing life-long learners, increasing awareness and sustaining parental involvement partnerships.
- Elementary campuses will offer a variety of Family Literacy, Math & Science Nights throughout the school year. We will collaborate with campuses to provide specific opportunities for parents of preschool students to engage in developmentally appropriate activities and share from one another.
- Parents are encouraged to join the PTO. The goal of this group is to actively involve parents in the decision making process for each campus.
- WATCH Dogs is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center For Fathering. WATCH Dog volunteers perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day.
- Spirit Night
- Grandparent's Club
- Parents will receive information of their child's progress through Wednesday folders. Folder will include information regarding conferences, progress reports, quarterly reports, teacher/parent call log, conferences.
- Parents are also encouraged to check their child's grade status through Home Access Center.

B. Establish a network of community resources

Tomball ISD will establish a network of community resources, build partnerships with businesses, community agencies, and identifying support from various agencies.

- Parents will be provided access to Ready Rosie. Ready Rosie is an online resource that delivers video-based emails and text messages in both English and Spanish to parents.
- Educational links available on the resource tab.

- Tomball ISD will continue partnership with Community Youth Services to provide free, voluntary assistance to children and their families who are experiencing personal problems.
- Tomball ISD will encourage participation of families and businesses in school events and philanthropic activities such as an annual food drive, Pennies for Patients, mentor programs and Red Ribbon Week.

C. Increase family participation in decision making

Tomball ISD will increase family participation in decision making by supporting leadership skills for family members and provide opportunities for families to advocate for their children. Families will have the opportunity to review and provide input on program practices, policies, communications and events in order to ensure the program is responsive to their needs.

- Parents and community stakeholders are invited to become part of each school's Campus Improvement Team. Campus Improvement Teams will meet once a month to learn about campus to develop, review, and revise campus improvement plan.
- Parents will provide feedback and collaborate during campus parent training sessions.
- Participate in the evaluation of parental involvement activities through annual survey. Feedback will be gathered and recommendations will be made.

D. Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning

- Parents will be provided access to Ready Rosie. Ready Rosie is an online resource that delivers video-based emails and text messages in both English and Spanish to parents.
- Parents will have access to the CLI Engage Parent Platform. This platform provides activities for parents to use at home with their child.
- Schools will facilitate family nights focused on Literacy, Math and Science. These events will develop specific opportunities for families to engage in interactive sessions to learn strategies for high levels of positive interactions with children. Each station is facilitated by a certified teacher.
- Pre-Kinder families are invited to participate in Parenting Partners Workshop. These sessions are facilitated by certified teachers and counselors. Parents will engage in specific topics that will empower parents to become vital contributors to their child's academic success. Parents will engage in multiple opportunities to meet other parents and network.
- TISD will offer Parenting Education classes on developing literacy, math, science skills.
- TISD will offer ESL classes for adults. An ESL certified teacher will lead a beginner class for parents of the district seeking to learn English. Classes are held at Special Education building once a week.

- Campus staff will offer parent conference with families once a year and upon request.

E. Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmark

- Tomball ISD will develop staff skills in ongoing professional development in developing staff skills to support and use culturally diverse, culturally relevant, and culturally responsive family engagement strategies.
- Tomball ISD will provide parent classes through Parent Prep Academy.

F. Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement

Tomball ISD Special Programs Department will monitor family engagement efforts and use data to align activities offered and goals to improve attendance.

- Tomball ISD will continue to monitor family engagement efforts, utilize surveys and input from Family Engagement Committees to drive future events.
- Tomball ISD will gather teacher and parent feedback regarding family engagement initiatives.
- Feedback from administrators will be solicited regarding future family engagement activities and initiatives.
- Tomball ISD will review data and usage information from Ready Rosie platform.