

Family Engagement Plan 2023-24

Whitney Elementary

Family engagement is the mutual responsibility of families, school, and communities which builds relationships to support student learning and achievement and to support family well-being, family-student relationships, and ongoing learning and development of children, families, and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated in the child’s educational experience and supports the whole child.

Goal	Activity/Strategy	Person(s) Responsible
<i>Facilitate family to family support</i>	<p><i>WES will support campus-family relationships by providing parents/guardians with opportunities to participate in district and campus initiatives such as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PTO ● District and Campus Site Base Committees ● Class Dojo App ● District and Campus Website ● Classroom and Campus Newsletters and Calendars ● Parent Engagement wall with calendar, program information, and volunteer opportunities ● Pre-k orientation and Meet the Teacher event ● Family Engagement Nights- 4 evenings throughout the year focused on literacy, math, and social/emotional development ● Monthly Office Newsletters and calendar of events translated in Spanish 	<p>Principal</p> <p>Teachers</p> <p>PTO</p> <p>Spanish Translator</p>
<i>Establish a network of community resources</i>	<p><i>WES will develop partnerships with community organizations and establish resources that provide services to the students.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Whitney Ministerial Alliance ● Salvation Army backpack program ● November Food Drive ● Whitney Food Bank ● Volunteer Program 	<p>Principal</p> <p>Assistant Principal</p> <p>Counselor</p> <p>Community Members</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coats 4 Kids program ● Whitney Public Library ● Lake Whitney Chamber of Commerce ● Hill County AG extension agency ● WISD AG department 	Teachers
<p><i>Increase family participation in decision making</i></p>	<p><i>WES encourages and provides opportunities for family participation in decision making. Their contributions are crucial to a well-rounded plan that will facilitate support for all stakeholders and have a positive impact on student achievement.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District and Campus Site Base Committees ● Family Engagement Nights ● Survey in office ● Community and Student Engagement ● Student Health and Advisory Committee (SHAC) ● Family surveys 	<p>District and campus administrators</p> <p>Parent and Community volunteers</p> <p>Teachers</p>
<p><i>Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning</i></p>	<p><i>WES will equip families with learning opportunities and materials to enhance and extend learning.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family Engagement Nights- 3 evenings throughout the year focused on literacy, math, and social/emotional development ● Book Bag Program ● Pre-k orientation and Meet the Teacher event ● Online programs and app list to extend learning at home ● Online resources and newsletters with information to support class curriculum at home ● Conscious Discipline program provides resources for social and emotional development ● Ideas/Apps shared through Class Dojo 	<p>Principal</p> <p>Counselor</p> <p>Pre-k</p> <p>School Nurse</p> <p>Teachers</p>

<p><i>Provide ongoing professional development opportunities for educators on culturally responsive, evidence-based strategies that support the education of the child</i></p>	<p><i>WES will provide essential professional development for educators to develop skills in communication, and evidence-based strategies to have a positive impact on student achievement.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attend workshops specific to family engagement and early childhood education at Region 12 ● Assign workshops specific to family engagement and early childhood through Eduhero online professional development database 	<p>Principal PK Staff Teachers</p>
<p><i>Evaluate family engagement efforts and us evaluations for continuous improvement</i></p>	<p><i>WES will use student achievement, survey, and attendance data to ensure alignment between family engagement activities and student achievement goals. WES will promote continuous family engagement.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fall and Spring parent/teacher conferences ● ECIRCLE assessments in fall and spring ● Parent surveys ● Survey/comment box in office 	<p>Principal PK Staff Family members Teachers</p>