



SHELDON ISD
High Quality Pre-Kindergarten
PARENT and FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN
2022-2023

Sheldon ISD believes that parents/ guardians are partners with teachers and other district staff in the education of their children and that parent and family engagement and empowerment are essential at all levels throughout the school district. This Pre-K Parent and Family Engagement Plan is an extension of the district Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

Sheldon ISD believes this partnership begins from the moment a student begins school and that the first years are critical in establishing this collaborative relationship with all stakeholders.

This Family Engagement Plan was developed to increase the active participation of parents, teachers, and community members in all aspects of their students’ education by providing a positive link between home and school in the following ways.

Component	Strategies
Facilitate Family to Family Support	<p>The Sheldon ISD Early Childhood Department and the Early Childhood Academies will create safe and respectful environments to provide opportunities for families to participate and learn from each other through family events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sheldon ISD - Families in Action Parent volunteer opportunities ● School Family Engagement Events ● Field Trips ● Campus Parent Orientations/ Meet the Teacher ● Fueling Brains Parent Trainings ● Celebrate the Week of the Young Child ● All formal information shared with parents will be available in English and Spanish and translators are available at all meetings
Establish a Network of Community Resources	<p>Sheldon ISD will build partnerships with community organizations to support parents and caregivers with a network of resources to assist them as needed.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sheldon ISD Counselors ● Sheldon ISD CYS worker ● Parent resources listed on district Early Childhood website ● Fueling Brains parent portal ● Dental Hygiene Program ● Fire Safety Program ● Annual meetings with local childcare providers ● Local business partnerships ● Access to the after school program for academic and enrichment opportunities
<p>Increase Family Participation in Decision Making</p>	<p>Sheldon ISD will encourage family participation in decision making by providing opportunities for families to develop strategies to solve problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District Parent Advisory Council ● Site Based Decision Making Teams ● Campus Parent Advisory Committee ● Campus and District Parent Surveys ● LPAC Committee ● School Health Advisory Council ● Share report card information from CIRCLE and Fueling Brains with parents and solicit feedback, questions, and ideas regarding student’s progress
<p>Equip Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning</p>	<p>Sheldon ISD will equip families with opportunities to enhance and extend learning at home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sheldon ISD offers high quality full day Pre-K program for all children regardless of eligibility ● Fueling Brains Parent Portal/ Parent training on developing executive functions in young children ● Ready Rosie Resources ● Children’s Learning Institute Resources ● Family academic events: Literacy Night, Math and Science Night ● Parent Conferences ● Library Card ● Campus Newsletters ● Campus Communication SeeSaw, Class Dojo

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Access to the after school program for academic and enrichment opportunities
<p>Develop Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Practices that Support Families in Meeting their Children’s Learning Benchmarks</p>	<p>Sheldon ISD will train educators in the value and importance of communication and engagement with families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professional Development on how to connect and engage with families to support and use culturally diverse, culturally relevant, and culturally responsive family engagement strategies ● Training on how to utilize SeeSaw and Dojo for effective parent communication. ● Staff will be trained on how to utilize Ready Rosie with parents to impact engagement and effective practices ● Provide at least one parent conference day during the school year. ● Fueling Brains - Brain-O-Meters and resources to help their child build executive functions ● Child Find training for early childhood educators
<p>Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Use Evaluations for Continuous Improvement</p>	<p>Sheldon ISD will use the following data to monitor family engagement efforts to provide continuous improvement of our Pre-K program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Campus and District Parent Surveys ● Parent attendance at events ● Parent participation in the volunteer program ● Ready Rosie usage information

CONCLUSION

The district’s Family Engagement Plan strives to facilitate positive student outcomes for our preschool learners, while fostering family well-being and the ongoing development of children, their families and their teachers. The plan will only work if all partners work together. Sheldon ISD is committed to the success of every Pre-K student and their families. As an invaluable part of everything we strive to accomplish for Pre-K students, we encourage families to take every opportunity to participate in family engagement activities, and to do their part in developing healthy, respectful, and trusting relationships with the district. Working together, we can help “Every Child, Every Day” have a successful Pre-K experience!