

LVISD Family Engagement Plan

La Vega ISD recognizes that effective school-family partnerships (Family Engagement) are critical to student learning and success in school. Research shows that students receive the following benefits from a collaborative partnership with the school, the family and the community: higher grades and test scores, higher attendance and homework completion, fewer placements in special education, more positive attitudes and behavior, higher graduation rates and greater enrollment in post-secondary education. The gain for families includes: improved understanding of their child's development, improved ability to parent, improved ability to assist their children with school and learning, and improved relationships among all. La Vega ISD Family Engagement Team was involved in the development of a District Wide Family Engagement Plan that will address the following:

1. Facilitate Family-to-Family support
 - Parent Talk Sessions-Invited Speakers/parent share
 - Morning Break
 - Lunch Brunch
 - Family Leadership Training
 - Family Frameworks workshops
 - Family Literacy Workshops via Born Learner Academy, Child Development & Parenting Classes
2. Establish a network of community resources
 - Community Resource Fair
 - Faith- Based Community Partnerships
 - Partner with community based-organizations to create a family-friendly transition plan for students arriving from Head start, Daycare, and ECI
 - Community Resource Guide
 - Facilitate referrals to community and educational agencies
 - Partners to provide translators & culturally relevant resources reflective of home language
3. Increase Family Partnerships
 - Family Advisory Council (FAC) via Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Members
 - recruit new parent representatives
 - attend PAC meetings
 - Support parents in ARD and transition meetings
 - Forums to develop leadership & communication skills
 - CIP and VIA

4. Equip families to enhance and extend learning
 - Home education resources
 - Information/training on creating a home learning environment
 - Home learning activities-newsletters, online technology, parent/teacher conferences (make & take activities)
 - Home visits and phone calls
 - Parent Events
 - Collaborate with families to respond to children's behavior in a positive and supportive way
 - One on one mentoring
 - parent talks and workshops
 - Positive family practices such as attachment and nurturing that complement the stage of children's development
 - Community resources
 - LVISD Family Engagement Staff
 - Parent Talks & Workshops
5. Develop staff skills in supporting families
 - Present at faculty meetings
 - Department meetings
6. Evaluate Family engagement efforts for continuous improvement
 - Surveys to families and staff regarding impact of services provided