

Ganado Elementary Pre-Kindergarten Family Engagement Plan

...creates a foundation for the collaboration of mutual partners which embraces the individuality and uniqueness of families, and promotes a culture of learning that is child centered, age appropriate, and family driven.

Family - adults responsible for the child's care and children in the child's life who supports the early learning and development of the child.

Family engagement - the mutual responsibility of families, schools, and communities to build relationships to support 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 in the child's educational experience, supports the whole child, and is both culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate.

Component 1 - Facilitate family-to-family support

Ganado ISD includes opportunities for parents to participate in district and campus initiatives such as:

- PTA
- Pre-K newsletters
- Evening hands-on activities
- Provide information on The Children's Learning Institute
- Provide translators to support families' home languages
- Provide information in families' home languages

Component 2 - Establish a network of community resources

Ganado ISD establishes a network of community resources such as:

- Region 3
- The Children's Learning Institute
- Provide information on Community Education provided through Victoria College for English Classes and GED
- Local Civic Organizations such as Ganado Lions Club supporting vision and the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent in Victoria providing weekend meals for those qualifying

Component 3 - Increase family participation in decision making

Ganado ISD encourages family participation in decision making. Parents are invited to participate and serve.

- Invite family feedback on activities
- Regularly scheduled district and campus-level meetings
- Complete beginning of the year and end of the year surveys

Component 4 - Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning

Ganado ISD equips families with learning opportunities to enhance and extend learning.

- Parent Welcoming Session prior to the start of school
- Teacher provides parents with monthly calendars including at-home activities
- Family Engagement Sessions throughout the year
- The Children's Learning Institute

Component 5 - Provide ongoing professional development opportunities for educators on culturally responsive, evidence-based strategies that support the education of the child

- Workshops at Region 3
- Staff development offered at district
- Support parent-child relationships
- Develop effective communication strategies
- Training as provided by The Children's Learning Institute

Component 6 - Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement

- Use parent input to provide information in the planning, development, and implementation of programs for the district
- Compile evaluation from parents and staff and use the data to make adjustment to the Family Engagement Plan for the district