



## Highland Park Elementary School Family Engagement Plan (Policy) School Year 2024- 2025



Parent & Family Engagement Plan	
<b>What is it?</b>	Highland Park Elementary School is committed to our vision: Highland Park Elementary believes that a dedicated, collaborative, and committed staff fosters perseverance in the pursuit of excellence, where all students and staff have a right to a quality education in a safe and nurturing environment. All children can try their best, all students can learn and be successful, and all students are individually talented. Building relationships is crucial to student success, and diversity is our strength. One way we continue to do this is by participating in the Title I, Part A State Program. This program provides funding for low socioeconomic schools. In return, we promise to meet the expectations laid out for us by the Texas Education Agency and the United States Department of Education.
<b>Funding</b>	Title I funds will be allocated to implement the parent and family engagement program. Such programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
<b>Review</b>	All use of funding and activities can be reviewed by the Texas Education Agency upon request to ensure they meet the need of the PFE Program.
<b>Parent &amp; Family Meetings</b>	Parent Meetings offer the school and family to communicate necessary information. These meetings will always take place in the cafeteria or the library. You can enter through the main entrance of the campus. Meetings will occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m.( 08/20/24, 09/17/24, 10/22/24, 11/19/24, 12/17/24, 01/14/25, 02/18/25, 03/25/25, 04/22/25, 05/20/25)
<b>How to be involved</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Become a volunteer by filling out the application here: <a href="#">PfisD Volunteer Application</a></li> <li>● Attend the meeting above and the family trainings/activities below</li> <li>● Talk to your child’s teacher about how to help/volunteer in the classroom via their email or school phone.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If you do not know your child’s teacher’s school phone or their email, contact the principal at 512.594.6800 or lizabeth.ruiz@pfigd.net</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Family Events/Trainings are opportunities for family members to learn new knowledge and skills from other parents, community members, and educators. The schedule and locations listed below are subject to change. Any changes made will be communicated via the call out system, emails, and on our school website.

#### Popsicles at the Park

- Date & Time: Saturday, August, 17, 2024 at 9:00-11:00 am .
- Location: Walbarger Creek Park, 1211 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Free popsicles

#### Meet the Teacher Night

- Dates & Time: August 9, 2024 at 4:30 -6:30 p.m.
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Principal presentation, PTO, Meet the Teachers, Transportation, Free and reduced Lunch, and Afterschool Program information will be shared.

#### Homecoming Dance:

- Dates & Times: August 30, 2024 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Location: Highland Park Elementary Cafeteria, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Concession stands and Food Trucks will be available

#### Parent Orientation

- Dates & Times: September 12, 2024, 2024 at 5:30 -7:00 p.m.
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: PTO, Free and reduced Lunch, and Afterschool Program information will be shared.

#### Loteria Night

- Dates & Time: September 27, 2024 at 6:00 -8:00 p.m.
- Location: Highland Park Elementary Cafeteria 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Title 1 Annual Meeting Information will be shared & Concession stands, and Food Trucks will be available

#### Parent-Teacher Conferences (all grade levels; can be conducted in person or virtual)

- Dates & Times: You will sign up for a time with our child's teacher sometime between September 27th and October 10th. In addition, October 11th is designated for conferences from 7:30-4:00 p.m.
- Location: Highland Park Elementary Teacher Classrooms, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Parents will sign up for specific times

#### Pop into Learning

- Dates & Times: October 24, 2024 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Come dressed in pajamas and enjoy reading and math night as well as our Book Fair.

#### Trunk or Treat:

- Dates & Times: October 26, 2024
- Location: Highland Park Elementary Front Parking Lot, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Come dressed in your favorite costume, food trucks and snacks available

#### Kinder Fairy Tale Parade

- Dates & Times: October 31, 2024 8:15-9:00
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Kinder students dress up in fairy tale costumes and parade the hallways.

#### Veterans Day Celebration

- Dates & Times: November 8, 2024
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Cafeteria

#### Thanksgiving Luncheon

- Dates & Times: November 14, 2024 During students lunchtimes
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: parents/families are invited to join us during their child's lunchtime. Tables will be set up in the main hallway.

#### Fine Arts Night

- Dates & Times: November 21, 2024 6:00-7:30
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: 2nd-grade performance and opportunities for families to engage in various fine arts activities in the cafeteria, gym, science lab, and art room.

#### Booster Dash

- Dates & Times: November, 22, 2024
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Outside Field.- PK at 8:00. KG & 1st at 8:30, 3rd & 4th at 10:30 and 4th & 5th at 10:30

#### Hot Cocoa at the Park

- Dates & Times: Saturday December 7, 2024 9:00-11:00
- Location: Wilbarger Creek Park, Pflugerville, TX 78660-
- Other info: Families are invited to join us for festive hot cocoa at the park

#### Holiday Performance

- Dates & Times: December 12 at 8:30
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Cafeteria

#### Winter Classroom Parties

- Dates & Times: December 18, 2024 ( times will be shared by teachers)

- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Join us for a winter celebration

#### Science Fair Night

- Dates & Times: January 17, 2024 5:30-6:30
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Library

#### Friendships Class Celebrations

- Dates & Times: February 14, 2025 ( times will be shared by teachers)
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Join us for a friendship celebration

#### Kinder Rodeo

- Dates & Times: February 14, 2025 8:20-9:10
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Gym Back Patio

#### Spring Book Fair

- Dates & Times: March 3- March 7, 2025
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Library, parents invited to visit throughout the week

#### Bingo Night

- Dates & Times: March 6 2025 6:00-8:00
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Cafeteria

#### Kinder Egg Drop

- Dates & Times: April 17, 2025, 8:00-9:00
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Cafeteria, Kinder parents invited to visit

#### 2nd Grade Idiom Parade

- Dates & Times: April 25, 2025 8:30-9:00
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Main Hallway, 2nd parents invited to visit

#### Diversity Night

- Dates & Times: May 16, 2025, 6:00-9:00
- Location: Highland Park Elementary, 428 Kingston Lacy Blvd. Pflugerville, TX 78660
- Other info: Throughout the campus, Parents/families join us for an evening of cultural celebrations

<p><b>Curriculum</b></p>	<p>Highland Park Elementary utilizes a high-quality curriculum that supports student success.</p> <p>Language Arts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Frogstreet (Pre-K 3 &amp; 4)</li> <li>● HMH Into Reading</li> <li>● (K-5)</li> <li>● Amira (K-5)</li> <li>● Waggle (K-2)</li> <li>● Writable (3-5)</li> </ul> <p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Frogstreet (Pre-K 3 &amp; 4)</li> <li>● HMH Go Math</li> </ul> <p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Frogstreet (Pre-K 3 &amp; 4)</li> <li>● HMH</li> </ul> <p>Social Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teacher Created Materials (K-5)</li> <li>● PebbleGo (K-3)</li> <li>● DBQs (3-5)</li> <li>● Nystrom History Atlas (4-5)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Forms of Academic Assessments</b></p>	<p>Highland Park Elementary implements standardized formative assessments that all teachers administer. Regardless of the instructor, each student participates in the same assessment designed by the TEKS Resource System, which aligns with the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) test framework. Released STAAR tests are also integrated into our assessment and instructional methodologies alongside other curricula. Furthermore, all students undergo assessments at the beginning, middle, and end of the academic year utilizing the district-provided universal assessments in reading and mathematics. Both district and campus assessments serve as valuable tools throughout the school year.</p>
<p><b>Expected Achievement levels on academic assessments</b></p>	<p>The State's Performance Standards can be found on this website:  <a href="https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/staar/staar-performance-standards">https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/staar/staar-performance-standards</a></p> <p>Highland Park Elementary tracks each child's growth throughout the year via local assessments (mentioned above). Each grade level has a data folder where they track students' academic progress. Teachers meet weekly in Professional Learning communities to analyze data and create action plans.</p>
<p><b>Ways to Request regular meetings</b></p>	<p>Parents &amp; guardians can bring any suggestions, ideas, or concerns to the parent-teacher organization meetings listed above. However, they can email that staff member or campus principal if they need to meet with the administrators or their child's teacher at another time. We welcome any ideas, feedback, and concerns, as we want our school to be a place where everyone feels safe and welcome.</p>

## School-Parent Compact

See Parent- School Compact Linked below:

### **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS**

Highland Park is committed to offering opportunities for parents to volunteer and actively participate in their child's education both at school and at home. We encourage you to collaborate with our dedicated staff and fellow parents to support our Highland Park Bulldogs. Here are several ways you can contribute:

- Parent-Teacher Organization
- Campus Events
- Field Trips
- Volunteering at School
- CAAC Committee
- Campus and Culture Committee

### **COMMUNICATION**

Highland Park Elementary is committed to fostering two-way communication with families as we prioritize the education and well-being of our students.

- Weekly School Newsletter: Principal's Newsletter
- Weekly Teacher Communication
- Parent Portal for viewing grades and attendance
  - Campus Social Media
  - Campus Webpage
- - A variety of campus events designed to promote community engagement and relationship-building

### **MISSION**

The mission of Highland Park Elementary is to educate and empower students of all abilities to develop high moral character and engage at their full potential as citizens in a diverse global community.

### **VISION**

Highland Park students are... Effective and productive community members. Exploring, inquiring, curious learners. Safe, respectful and responsible students. Empowered learners. Problem solvers.

### **VALUE STATEMENT**

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## **HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY**



## **PFLUGERVILLE ISD 2024-2025**

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## **GOALS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

### **District Goals**

PfISD will recruit, support, and retain teachers and principals.

PfISD will build a foundation of reading and math.

PfISD will connect high school to career and college.

PfISD will improve low performing schools.

### **School Focus Areas**

Highland Park will recruit and retain highly qualified, dedicated educators with strong professional development.

HPES will address all students' reading and math needs through high-quality, tiered instruction, ensuring that each student achieves at least one year of academic growth.

Highland Park will strive to improve student attendance rates and reduce chronic absenteeism.

Highland Park will strengthen the connections among the school, home, and community.

## **WHAT IS A PARENT-SCHOOL COMPACT?**

Our school parent compact outlines collaborative approaches to supporting our students' success. It presents strategies designed to connect learning experiences at school and at home.

Effective Compacts:

- Align with academic achievement goals
- Center on Student Learning
- Share strategies that staff, parents, and students can utilize
- Detail how teachers and parents will communicate regarding student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to observe, volunteer, and engage in the classroom

### **JOINTLY DEVELOPED**

Highland Park Elementary School collaborates with its community, including staff, parents, and students, to develop the school-parent compact. The Title I Parent Meeting is held annually in conjunction with the Parent Teacher Organization meeting and the first campus event. During this meeting, the compact is reviewed and updated to reflect the academic and socio-emotional needs of the students.

## **TEACHERS WILL:**

Deliver and facilitate high-quality instruction across all core subjects.

Utilize high-quality instructional materials.  
Support the learning and growth of all students.

Ensure open communication with families.  
Maintain weekly updates on student grades.  
Provide opportunities for students to engage in extracurricular activities.  
Participate in school learning events.

## **PARENTS WILL:**

Ensure their child arrives at school on time each day  
Support daily reading activities at home  
Review schoolwork and homework daily  
Encourage their child to strive for excellence in their work  
Attend school functions whenever possible  
Participate in teacher/parent conferences when requested

## **STUDENTS WILL:**

Engage in learning  
Actively participate in all learning activities  
Complete assignments in a timely fashion  
Follow school-wide expectations:  
Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

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