2024 HQPK Family Engagement Plan - Salado ISD

Introduction:

"The mutual responsibility of families, schools, and communities to build relationships to support student learning and achievement, support family well-being and the continuous learning and development of children, families, and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated into the child's educational experience and is both culturally and linguistically appropriate." Texas Administrative Code §102.1003.
Salado ISD, in accordance with the House Bill 3 High-Quality Prekindergarten guidelines, created a High-Quality Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan to promote partnership between our school, families, and community to ensure successful outcomes for our youngest learners in prekindergarten programs. Collaboratively, we all share the responsibility to encourage and support initiatives, activities, and practices that enhance the success of student learning and achievement.
Family Engagement Plan Development Committee Members:
Contact Person for Families:

Family Engagement Plan:

Family Engagement Plan	**Component Component**	**Description Activity/Event/Practice Details and Timing**
Facilitate Family to-Family Support	Inclusive and transparent communications allow school personnel to create a safe and respectful environment to promote supportive interactions between the school and households.	SISD Prekindergarten program creates a safe and welcoming environment where families can network and learn from each other, and participate in educational opportunities designed for families while growing school/community support

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		systems such as: ● School and classroom volunteering ● “Book Fair” where families can get to know one another and share community and school experiences ● Meet the Teacher Night which facilitates family-to-family interactions and networking ● Salado meetings and sponsored events encouraging parent volunteer opportunities allowing parents to work collaboratively and designed to match families who have similar interests, goals, or challenges and providing opportunities for families to have ongoing connection ● Class field trips, celebrations days, award ceremonies, field days and other family participation activities. ● School Health and Advisory Council, Site-Based Decision-Making Teams, and PTO provide opportunities for parents to interact and network with other parents interested in

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		supporting public education in the Salado community ● SISD PK Round-up. Early indicators of the following year's enrollment
Establish a network of community resources	Salado ISD will build strategic partnerships with community organizations to leverage community resources for caregivers through the community resources handbook, and ongoing district-wide events.	Salado ISD PK Family Engagement plan is part of a district-wide initiative that builds strategic partnerships by leveraging community resources with non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, businesses, and local community-based organizations, including mental and physical health providers to create a family-friendly transition for student organizations will create a network of resources that will directly benefit Prekindergarten families as needed. Some of these resources include: ● District Student Support, Special Education Parent Support and Early Childhood Family Services, LPAC, and PAC departments facilitate student and family needs referrals

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		for basic necessities and student and parent physical and mental health needs. ● Bilingual employees provide (as needed) translation services for families on phone calls and at events, meetings, etc.
Increase family participation in decision-making	Throughout the year, participation in district and school-wide decision-making empowers caregivers as their child's first teacher and advocate.	Examples of some of the opportunities prekindergarten families can participate in are: ● Campus Site-Based Decision-Making Committee composed of campus staff, community partners, parents, and business representatives focusing on planning, curriculum, budgeting, staff development, overall school organization, all with the intent of improving the achievement of all learners at the campus ● District Student Health Advisory Committee ● ABC Parent Organization ● LPAC/PAC Parent participation ● Regularly held parent/teacher

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		conferences ● Educating families regarding their rights under State and Federal Law regarding the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act
Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning	Caregivers have multiple opportunities to learn about student progress and ways to support success at home. Caregivers also have personal extended learning opportunities.	● Salado ISD offers a high-quality full-day PK program to eligible learners, enhancing and extending socialization and facilitating parent involvement for Pre-K families ● Teacher/parent conferences held throughout the school year and collaborating with them in setting goals for their children while in the PK program ● Encourages family members to volunteer in the classroom, using the time to foster enhanced communication regarding their child's development ● Suggests extension home activities that

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		correspond to activities done in the classroom ● Shares technology tips/resources that are family-friendly to enhance parents' knowledge on child development (Accessible Downloadable Apps & research study links) ● PK registration starts in April and continues throughout the summer and school year including campus tours and school/program information ● The district webpage shares information supportive of enhancing and extending learning for children participating in the PK program ● The district webpage includes recommended learning links ● Parents are encouraged to access class/campus/district information from the Parent Portal on the SISD website ● Parents are provided with learner progress

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		by way of regular report cards, weekly teacher communication, etc. ● BOY, MOY, and EOY benchmarking ● CLI Engage Data ● Salado ISD Code of Conduct
Provide ongoing professional development opportunities for educators	Prekindergarten teaching staff participate in professional development opportunities to support and use culturally diverse, culturally relevant, and culturally responsive family engagement strategies and enhance instruction.	● PK Guidelines ● Technology for young children ● Campus Professional Learning Communities ● ESC- ECE training, coaching, mentoring ● Capturing Kids Hearts training and implementation ● Campus-based Professional Development (PD) sessions on varying topics
Evaluate family engagement efforts and use results for continuous improvement	Ongoing campus/district needs assessment cycle will seek input to improve the quality of instruction, climate, and family engagement	● Campus Improvement Plan cycle ● Title I Parent Survey ● District Performance Report ● Beginning-of-year student-centered goal-setting and family conferences to discuss progress throughout the year ● Parent & student

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		surveys of school climate (CKH)

Transition Activities:
• Provide school tours/visits with local childcare providers, families and the community to encourage smooth transitions to kindergarten • Provide transition meetings to support children and families moving from one grade to the next
Linguistic & Culturally Inclusive Practices:
• Weekly Newsletters are provided through multiple avenues (printed, email, text, phone app) with school calendar activities and information in home languages to ensure all families are aware of school functions and topics of interest • Provide ongoing professional development to educators on culturally responsive topics with an early childhood focus • Use culturally relevant materials in classrooms and for homework sent to families • Use home languages for all communications sent to families • Provide translators and interpreters during all events/activities for caregivers
Conclusion:
The Salado ISD HQPK Family Engagement Plan is one of the strategies our district uses to guide collaborative success. The positive relationships between staff and families that Salado ISD promotes through the HQPK Family Engagement plan, help build a shared understanding of how we can work together to ensure every child will reach their full potential, from birth to kindergarten and beyond.
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