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Family Engagement

At SSAISD, family engagement is a shared commitment between families, schools, and the community to build strong, supportive relationships that enhance student learning and success. It promotes the well-being of families while supporting the ongoing growth of children, families, and educators. Family engagement is woven into every part of a child's educational experience, addressing the needs of the whole child in ways that are both culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate.

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The mission of the South San Antonio Independent School District (ISD) is to inspire, educate, and prepare South San Antonio scholars for success beyond the classroom. This mission embodies a commitment to empowering all students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to graduate and be ready for college and careers. The district prioritizes not only academic achievement but also the creation of a stimulating and challenging learning environment that enables students to unlock their potential and become successful lifelong learners. This holistic approach is integral to the House Bill 3 (HB3) Family Engagement Plan for Pre-K, emphasizing the importance of collaboration between schools and families in fostering early childhood development and education.

South San Antonio ISD has established a Family Engagement Plan that adheres to HB 3 initiatives aimed at fostering collaboration between schools and families. This plan is designed to empower families to actively participate in their children's education, thereby improving academic outcomes and supporting overall student success. Furthermore, the HB 3 Family Engagement Plan emphasizes building strategic partnerships that leverage community resources, ensuring families have access to the necessary support and networks to enhance their educational involvement. This comprehensive approach underscores the district's commitment to involving families as partners in their students' academic journey.

HB3 - High Quality PreK District Family Engagement Plan Overview

Component	SSAISD Actions
Facilitating Family-to-Family Support	<p>The South San Antonio Independent School District (SSAISD) Prekindergarten program is committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for families. Our Pre-K Program encourages networking and mutual learning among families while providing educational opportunities tailored for them. Additionally, it focuses on strengthening the school/community support systems through various initiatives, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pre-K Round-Up● School/Classroom Volunteering: Opportunities for families to engage actively in the school setting.● Family-Friendly Open House Events: Designed to be culturally relevant and welcoming. These events invite families to explore the school environment together.● Meet the Teacher Night: This event promotes communication among families, allowing them to connect and network● Math/Science and Family Literacy Night: These events create opportunities for learning at home, emphasizing the importance of school-to-home connections.● Coffee with the Principal or “Cafecitos”: Informal gatherings that nurture

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	<p>positive relationships between home and school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent luncheons ● Family Engagement Activities ● Head Start Family Meetings ● Book Fairs ● Fall Festivals ● Field Trips: Parents are encouraged to attend ● Opportunities for fostering parent/school unity, leadership, and advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) meetings ○ Head Start Parent Committee meetings ○ District-wide Family Engagement training sessions ○ School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) <p>Through these efforts, the SSAISD Prekindergarten program empowers families and enhances their involvement in their children's education.</p>
Establishing a Network of Community Resources	<p>The South San Antonio Independent School District (SSAISD) Pre-K Family Engagement Plan is a key component of a district-wide initiative aimed at fostering strategic partnerships. This plan leverages community resources by collaborating with nonprofit organizations, local businesses, and community-based organizations, including mental and physical health providers, to facilitate a smooth transition for students and their families.</p> <p>Through this collaborative effort, a comprehensive network of resources will be established, specifically designed to benefit Pre-Kindergarten families as their needs arise. By creating these partnerships, SSAISD is committed to enhancing the family engagement experience, ensuring that families feel supported and empowered throughout their child's educational journey.</p> <p>Some of these resources include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Partnership with campus nurses and Head Start to assist with vision and hearing checks for students ● Partnership with Brident Dental and Head Start to assist with oral dental screenings for students ● District Facebook page and teacher apps promote and highlight events ● District Student Support, Special Education Parent Support and Early Childhood Family Services departments facilitate student and family needs referrals for basic necessities and student and parent physical and mental health needs.
Increasing Family Participation in Decision-Making	<p>SSAISD is committed to involving families in important decisions that affect students' education. We believe that parents' voices are essential in shaping school programs and policies, and we want to work together to create the best learning environment for our students. We offer various ways for families to participate, including family engagement events, planning meetings, and parent advisory committees, so that your ideas and feedback can help guide our decisions. By working together, we can ensure that every student has the support they need to</p>

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	<p>succeed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent-teacher conferences • Home visits at the beginning of the year • LPAC parent representatives • Campus Site-Based Decision Making Committee composed of campus staff, community, partners, and business representatives, focusing on planning, curriculum budgeting, and overall school organization • District Education Improvement Committee (DEIC) • Parent Surveys • District Student Health Advisory Committee • Head Start Parent Committee Meetings • Head Start Policy Council
Equipping Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning	<p>SSAISD is committed to giving families the tools and resources they need to support their children's learning at home. We offer workshops, helpful resources, and online programs that provide tips and strategies to help parents boost their child's learning outside of school. By working together, we aim to create a strong connection between what students learn in the classroom and at home, ensuring parents feel confident in helping their children succeed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing high-quality, full-day Pre-K/Head Start program to eligible students, enhancing and extending socialization, and facilitating parent involvement for Pre-K families • Provide parent workshops to foster literacy, social, and emotional child development. • Monthly "Family Projects" • BOY, MOY, EOY student goals and benchmarking • Pre-K registration in the spring and summer • Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled throughout the school year to collaborate with families to set learning goals with children
Developing Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Practices that Support Families	<p>SSAISD developed staff skilled in evidence-based practices that support families. The district provides ongoing professional development and training for teachers and staff, focusing on proven strategies that strengthen family engagement and student learning. By equipping staff with the knowledge and tools to effectively collaborate with families, SSAISD ensures that educators are prepared to meet the diverse needs of students and foster a supportive partnership with parents. This commitment to staff development helps create a positive and inclusive school community that benefits every student.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSAISD Instructional Framework • Early Childhood/Head Start Department's Education • ASQ-SE & ASQ-3 screeners • CIRCLE Progress Monitoring • Ongoing professional development • District coaching/mentor opportunities
Evaluating Family Engagement Efforts and Using Evaluations for	<p>SSAISD is dedicated to ensuring our family engagement efforts make a difference. We regularly ask for feedback from parents and staff to see what's working and where we can do better. By using what we learn to improve our</p>

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Continuous Improvement	<p>programs, we can keep finding better ways to support family involvement in our schools. This ongoing effort helps us ensure our activities and resources are helpful, meaningful, and meet the needs of our families. Feedback and suggestions will be sought from families through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Family Engagement Online Interest Survey• District parent training and workshop evaluations• Principal Coffees or family engagement events and activities• Early Childhood/Head Start Parent Community Meetings (PCCM)• District Family Engagement Events
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