



SABINE ISD

HQPK

Family Engagement Plan

SABINE ISD High-Quality Pre-Kindergarten Family Engagement Plan

Mission Statement:

Our goal is to provide a nurturing, inclusive environment where families are key partners in their child's early education. We aim to support family involvement in a way that enhances student learning, social-emotional development, and overall school success.

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1. Building Strong Relationships with Families

A. Family Welcome Orientation

- At the beginning of the school year, host an orientation for all Pre-K families to introduce the staff, provide an overview of the curriculum, and offer a tour of the school.
- Offer a "Meet the Teacher" session, where families can build initial relationships and understand classroom expectations.

B. Open Door Policy

- Create a welcoming environment that encourages families to visit classrooms and participate in daily activities.
 - Allow families to observe lessons, interact with their children during designated times, and volunteer in the classroom.
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2. Ongoing Two-Way Communication

A. Weekly Communication Folders

- Send home weekly communication folders with information about what students are learning, important announcements, and ways families can support learning at home.
- Include both positive progress updates and areas where additional support is needed.

B. Parent-Teacher Conferences

- Schedule two formal parent-teacher conferences per year (Fall and Spring) to discuss student progress, address concerns, and collaborate on strategies to support learning both at school and home.
- Offer flexible meeting times (in-person, virtual, or phone calls) to accommodate family schedules.

C. Digital Communication Tools

- Use digital tools such as email, messaging apps, or school apps (e.g., Remind, ClassDojo or ParentSquare) to keep families updated in real time.
 - Share photos, videos, and updates about classroom activities regularly to maintain engagement and transparency.
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3. Family Participation in Learning Activities

A. Home-School Learning Connections

- Provide families with "learning-at-home" kits or materials that align with what's being taught in the classroom. Include simple activities that encourage language development, literacy, and numeracy skills.
- Share strategies during family workshops for building literacy-rich environments at home (e.g., daily reading, storytelling, etc.).

B. Family Learning Events

- Host monthly or bi-monthly family engagement events, such as literacy nights, math games, and arts & crafts workshops, that invite families to learn with their children.
- Celebrate milestones such as 100 Days of School, cultural events, or seasonal activities with family participation.

C. Volunteer Opportunities

- Offer various ways for families to get involved, from helping with classroom activities to organizing school events or reading to students during "Guest Reader" days.
 - Recognize family contributions publicly to encourage more engagement.
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4. Support for Families

A. Parent Education Workshops

- Provide workshops and resources on important parenting and educational topics like early childhood development, literacy strategies, nutrition, social-emotional learning, and transitioning to kindergarten.
- Offer workshops both in person and online to accommodate different schedules.

B. Community Resources and Support

- Create partnerships with local organizations (e.g., libraries, health services, family support agencies) to provide resources and services to families in need.
- Distribute information about available local services such as child care, housing, and financial assistance.

C. Translation and Accessibility

- Ensure that all communication, events, and materials are available in multiple languages to meet the needs of your diverse families.

- Offer interpretation services during meetings and events, and ensure that materials are in a format that is accessible to all families (including those with disabilities).
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5. Continuous Improvement and Feedback

A. Family Surveys and Feedback

- Regularly survey families to gauge satisfaction, gather suggestions, and identify areas for improvement.
- Use survey data to adjust family engagement practices to better meet the needs and preferences of the families.

B. Family Engagement Committee

- Create a family engagement committee composed of staff, parents, and community members that meets quarterly to review and refine the engagement plan.
- The committee should evaluate the effectiveness of programs, events, and communication efforts, and help plan future activities.

C. Recognition of Family Efforts

- Recognize and celebrate families who actively engage with the school community. This can be done through certificates, mentions in newsletters, or during family events.
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6. Family-Centered Transition to Kindergarten

A. Kindergarten Readiness Resources

- Provide families with resources that explain what to expect when transitioning to kindergarten, including academic, social, and emotional benchmarks.
- Offer kindergarten readiness workshops for families as the school year progresses, focusing on preparing children for the next level of schooling.

B. Kindergarten Orientation

- At the end of the Pre-K year, host a kindergarten orientation for families to meet kindergarten teachers and tour the kindergarten facilities.
 - Provide opportunities for Pre-K students to visit kindergarten classrooms to help ease the transition.
 - Collaborate with local childcare providers to align transition strategies and provide school tours for children and families.
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Conclusion

The HQPK Family Engagement Plan is designed to foster a community of trust, collaboration, and shared responsibility in our students' education. By working closely with families, we aim to ensure every child has the support and resources needed to thrive in school and beyond.