



Golden Rule Charter Schools Family Engagement Plan

School Year 2025-2026

Introduction

At Golden Rule Charter Schools (GRS), we recognize the mutual responsibility of families, schools, and communities to build relationships that support student learning, achievement, and well-being. As stated in the Texas Administrative Code §102.1003, family engagement is central to our educational approach. It is both culturally and linguistically appropriate, ensuring families are integral participants in their child's learning experience. This Family Engagement Plan is designed to align with our commitment to meeting the needs of the whole child, while fostering collaboration between our school, families, and the community to ensure the success of all students..

The Golden Rule Charter Schools Family Engagement Plan is designed to promote meaningful partnerships between our schools, families, and communities to enhance student outcomes, promote family well-being, and support the continuous learning and development of our children, families, and educators.

Family Engagement Plan SY 2025-2026

1. Facilitate Family-to-Family Support

Creating a safe and respectful environment for caregivers to communicate and collaborate.

- **Weekly/Monthly Family Newsletters:** Updates on student progress, upcoming events, and family resources.
- **Annual Family Skills/Needs Survey:** To gather input from families on the types of support they need.
- **Meet the Teacher Night** which facilitates family-to-family interactions and networking.
- **Class field trips** and other activities that include family participation.



2. Establish a Network of Community Resources

Connecting families to community resources to meet their social, emotional, and developmental needs.

- **Career Day:** Providing students and families with exposure to career paths and local industries.
- **Vendor events:** Get to support local businesses and have some time to share with the community

3. Increase Family Participation in Decision-Making

Encouraging family involvement in educational decision-making to empower caregivers as active participants.

- **Campus Improvement Plan Committee:** Engaging families in decision-making about school improvements.
- **LPAC Committee:** Involvement in bilingual education planning and decision-making for English Language Learners.
- **Calendar night:** Parents are invited to join teachers and administrators in creating the school calendar for the following school year

4. Equip Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning

Providing caregivers with resources to support learning both in and outside the classroom.

- Individual family conferences (Phone/Face-to-face) at the end of the first 6 weeks with every Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten parent to discuss their child's academic progress
- Providing Pre-K parents, a yearly calendar in English and Spanish
- Information letters from teachers

5. Provide Ongoing Professional Development for Educators

Ensuring educators are trained in culturally responsive family engagement practices.

- Provide staff training to ensure that they are building relational capacity with students and parents
- Provide professional development that focuses on crucial conversations
- Provide knowledge on the importance of family engagement and promote it district-wide.



6. Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Use Results for Continuous Improvement

Constantly assessing and refining family engagement strategies to improve the quality of education.

- **Campus Improvement Plan Cycle:** Collecting feedback from families through surveys and focus groups.
 - **District Climate Survey:** Annual survey assessing family satisfaction and areas for improvement.
 - **Title I Parent Survey:** Gathering feedback on Title I programs and how they can better serve families.
 - **Beginning-of-Year Student-Centered Goal Setting:** Collaborating with families on student goals and progress at the start of the year.
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Conclusion

The Golden Rule Charter Schools Family Engagement Plan is vital in fostering a shared understanding of how we can support the whole child. By engaging families as partners in the educational process, we empower caregivers to become active advocates for their children's learning and well-being. Through ongoing collaboration with the community and continuous reflection on our practices, we ensure that Golden Rule Schools remains a place where all students can thrive and succeed.

This plan aligns with our mission to build a safe, student-centered environment where academic success, personal growth, and respect for diversity are integral to every student's journey. We are committed to continuous growth and adapting to meet the evolving needs of our students and families.

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