Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan
2026-2027



No school can work well for children if parents and teachers do not act in partnership on behalf of the children's best interests.

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Waller ISD Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan

This plan outlines the mutual responsibilities of families, schools, and the community to build relationships that support student learning, family well-being, and continuous development. The goal is to achieve and maintain a high level of family engagement and positive attitudes toward education.

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This plan will be implemented throughout the year and made available on the district website by Sept. 15, 2026.

1. **Facilitate Family-to-Family Support**
   Our strategies for connecting families and creating a supportive environment include:
   - **VIPS Program**: We will continue using our Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) program to develop parent networks and expand engagement activities with qualified volunteers.
   - **PTO/VIPS**: Each campus's PTO and VIPS organizations will offer family-to-family interaction and support centered around school activities.
   - **Parent Committees**: Parents will have opportunities to network with other parents, teachers, and administrators through the District Site-Based Decision Making Committee and Campus Improvement Teams, Campus Needs Assessment, Campus Parent Engagement Committee, etc.
   - **Community Partnership**: We will offer family resources in partnership with the community.

2. **Establish a Network of Community Resources**
   We are committed to connecting families with essential resources:
   - **Online Resources:** We will maintain a dedicated "Families" link on the district website with information on school-related topics and other resources.
   - **Community Partnerships:** We will continue our relationships with community organizations like Community of Faith, Arbor, WARM, Family Ties, Cy-Hope, and Shield Bearer to provide family support.
   - **Back to School Fair:** Our annual Back to School Fair will provide families with backpacks, school supplies, and access to health and community resources.

3. **Increase Family Participation in Decision-Making**

   We will ensure families have a voice in their child's education through:

   - **Parent Committees:** Parents can provide input and discuss school issues through campus PTO/VIPS and booster clubs.
   - **District and Campus Improvement Teams:** Parents will serve as active, participating members on both District and Campus Improvement Teams.
   - **Policy Development:** We will consult with parents to jointly develop and revise the District and Campus Parental Engagement Policies each year.
   - **Annual Title I Meeting:** Each campus will host Annual Title I Parent Meetings to provide information about federal programs and inform parents of their right to be involved.
   - **Surveys:** Parents and educators will have the opportunity to provide feedback through various surveys conducted by the district and campuses.

4. **Equip Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning**

   We will provide families with the resources and knowledge needed to support their children's learning at home:

   - **Parent Resource Centers:** Campuses will continue to develop and maintain effective Parent Resource Centers.
   - **Digital Access:** Chromebooks will be available for families to use during trainings, and parents can access student grades via Skyward on the WISD website and access other district resources and platforms.
   - **Parent Programs:** We will host programs and events like the *Cuentos Familiares* program, Meet the Teacher Night, Curriculum Nights, and Parent-Teacher Conference Day to build family literacy and provide other academic support.
   - **Communication:** We will use various channels to keep families informed, including school newsletters, weekly folders for two-way communication, and our district-wide notification system (Blackboard Mass Notification System).
   - **Language Support:** All communication will be provided in both English and Spanish to ensure it is linguistically and culturally appropriate for our families.

5. **Develop Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Practices**

   We are committed to training our educators on the value of family engagement:

   - **Administrative Training:** Campus administrators will educate staff on the value of parents' contributions and how to build strong ties between parents and schools.

6. **Evaluate Efforts for Continuous Improvement**

   We will ensure our engagement strategies are effective through:

   - **Annual Evaluation:** We will conduct an annual evaluation and review of the content and effectiveness of our Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Program and Policy, involving parents in this process.
   - **Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA):** Family and community involvement efforts will be reviewed at the district and campus levels as part of the CNA to identify strengths and areas for improvement.
   - **Surveys:** We will conduct general Parent Engagement Surveys to gather feedback on communication, events, and a family's comfort level at their child's school.
   - **Participation Data:** We will collect participation data from family engagement events to measure their effectiveness.

The High-Quality Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan at Waller ISD is a vital component in fostering a supportive, collaborative environment where families play an active role in their child's education. By prioritizing communication, inclusivity, and trust, we create a strong foundation for academic, social, and emotional success. Together, schools, families, and the community will work toward ensuring every child has the tools, resources, and support they need to thrive and achieve lifelong learning.