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Gonzales Primary Academy: Family Engagement Plan 2026-2027

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 in the child’s educational experience and is both culturally and linguistically appropriate.” Texas Administrative Code §102.1003.

Gonzales Primary Academy, by 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 are all responsible for encouraging and supporting initiatives, activities, and practices that enhance student learning and achievement success.

Family Engagement Plan Development Committee Members:

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Family Engagement Plan:

Family Engagement Plan Component	Component Description	Activity/Event/Practice Details and Timing
1. Facilitate Family-to-Family Support	Inclusive, transparent communications allow school personnel to create a safe and respectful environment that promotes supportive household interaction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options for parents/guardians to be school volunteers • Classroom newsletters • PK/K Student Learning Showcase • Parent-Teacher Conferences (once each semester) • Quarterly Student Report Cards sent home • PK Meet the Teacher • Field Trips • Family Academic Nights (one per semester) • Thanksgiving Lunch
2. Establish a network of community resources.	Gonzales Primary Academy will build strategic partnerships with community organizations to leverage community resources for caregivers through the community resources handbook and ongoing district-wide events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTO Meetings • Family Academic Nights with community partnerships • Opportunities for parents to be part of the SHAC Committee • Read Across America Reading Volunteers • Visits to the Robert Lee. Brothers, Jr. Memorial Library • Food Bank of Golden Crescent • Bluebonnet Trails Community • Gonzales Fire Department • Gonzales Police Department
3. 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Improvement Plan Committee • DEIC Participation • LPAC Committee • Parent Representative • Parent Conferences in

	and advocate.	the Fall and Spring
4. 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family conferences required twice each year: Fall and Spring • Classroom newsletters • Quarterly Caregiver newsletter • Website • Parent Volunteer opportunities • Meet the Teacher for Incoming PK students
5. 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 13 Early Childhood Conference • LPAC Training • Curriculum Training • Norma's House Training • The Pyramid Model • District Behavior Specialist training
6. 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Improvement Plan cycle • Campus Climate Survey • Strategic Planning Community Planning • Beginning-of-year student-centered and professional goal setting

Transition Activities:

- Vertical team meetings with Kindergarten teachers to discuss student progress with the Texas Pre-K Guidelines and the transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten
- Parent meetings to support parents with children transitioning from one grade level to another

Linguistic & Culturally Inclusive Practices:

- Ensure Human Resources Dept. routinely implements linguistically and culturally inclusive hiring practices
- 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

- All materials sent home or posted on social media and ClassDojo are in English/Spanish

Conclusion:

The Gonzales Primary Academy Family Engagement Plan is our district's essential strategy to foster collaborative success. The strong relationships Gonzales Primary Academy encourages between staff and families through the GPA Family Engagement Plan help establish a shared understanding of how we can work together to ensure that every child reaches their full potential, from birth through kindergarten and beyond.

Gonzales Primary Academy Family Engagement Plan URL for ECDS submission: