Ector County ISD Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan

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Vision and Mission

Ector County ISD's Early Childhood program believes that strong, authentic partnerships between schools and families create the foundation for lifelong learning. We are committed to engaging every family as partners in their child's growth – socially, emotionally, and academically – beginning in prekindergarten.

Our mission is to empower families through meaningful relationships, shared decision-making, and access to resources that build capacity for student success at home, in school, and within the community.

1. Facilitate Family-to-Family Support

- Pre-K Family Connection Nights: Each campus hosts interactive family learning nights designed to help parents engage in hands-on learning activities mirroring classroom instruction.
- Family Spotlights: Highlight family engagement stories in Early Childhood newsletters and social media.
- Partners in Education: ECISD's partners in education connect families, teachers, and community mentors through volunteer and outreach programs.

2. Establish a Network of Community Resources

- Community Partnerships and Resources: ECISD collaborates with organizations such as Head Start, Ector County Library, Odessa College, First Five UT Permian Basin, YMCA, West Texas Food Bank, Ellen Noël Art Museum, and

local child care coalitions to provide families with enrichment opportunities and access to community resources. Community resource information featuring these partners is distributed at registration and community events.

- Homeless and Special Services:
    - McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act ensures immediate enrollment and support for homeless students and connects families to community services.
    - Child Find locates and evaluates children with disabilities to ensure access to Early Childhood Intervention and special education services.
    - Language Access and Inclusion: Translation and interpretation are provided at all family events to ensure equity and inclusion.

3. Increase Family Participation in Decision-Making

- Family Feedback Surveys: Conducted to inform program improvement and planning.
- Principal & Parent Collaboration: Regular campus-level discussions between parents and administrators to ensure two-way communication.
- Parent Checkpoint Reports: Provides families with real-time access to their child's progress, supporting active participation in learning decisions.

4. Equip Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning

- Parent Workshops: Offer sessions on early literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional growth using Conscious Discipline and CLI Engage Family Connections.
- Campus and Family Learning Events: Interactive sessions help families understand and extend classroom learning at home.
- Digital Engagement: Seesaw, ClassDojo, and Focus are used for consistent home-school communication.

5. Develop Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Family Engagement Practices

- Professional Development Integration:
    - Family engagement strategies are embedded into PLCs and professional development, including Conscious Discipline and CLI Engage modules.
    - Teachers are trained to interpret CLI Circle data, District Checkpoint data and guide parents in using online Parent Connection activities.
- Family Goal-Setting Conferences: Implemented each semester to align teacher and parent expectations for child growth.

6. Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts for Continuous Improvement

- Evaluation Tools:
    - Annual review using TEA's High-Quality Prekindergarten (HQPK) Family Engagement Rubric.
    - Parent surveys, event attendance data, and feedback forms to identify successes and needs.
- Data-Driven Adjustments: Academics and Accountability teams analyze engagement data and modify programming accordingly.
- Continuous Monitoring: Plans are reviewed and revised each year based on stakeholder feedback.

Transition to Kindergarten

- Spring Kindergarten Transition: Includes classroom tours and readiness lessons.
- Community Alignment: Partnerships with Head Start and local childcare providers ensure smooth transitions through shared readiness goals and student information exchanges.