

Westwood Independent School District

Pre-Kindergarten Family Engagement Plan

2017-2018

The Westwood Independent School District Pre-Kindergarten Program identifies a family as adults and children who are significant in the child's life who support the early learning and development of the child.

We pledge the following to our families:

I. Facilitate family-to-family support

Westwood ISD will provide planned family events where participants will be united to interact and share ideas with one another. These occasions will be facilitated by the school to create opportunities for the families to come together and support one another in a safe and welcoming environment.

- Social networking platforms monitored by the pre-kindergarten teacher.
- Field Trips
- Classroom parties
- Pre-K specific family engagement opportunities
- Head Start collaboration

II. Establish a network of community resources

Westwood ISD partners with community and faith-based organization will create a network of resources that will directly benefit Prekindergarten families as needed: Some resources are:

- Head Start collaboration
- YMCA
- Hope Station
- Crisis Center

III. Increase family participation in decision making

Prekindergarten families will be invited to participate and serve on:

- Campus level meetings
- District site-based meetings

IV. Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning

Prekindergarten families will be encouraged to attend learning opportunities to enhance and extend learning by providing parents with home activities that are age and developmentally appropriate to help prepare families for kindergarten by, but not limited to:

- Family engagement packets sent home with students

V. Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks

The Prekindergarten department will bring awareness to Family Engagement, ESSA & HB4 requirements and guidelines with emphasis on the value and impact of family engagement by providing Prekindergarten Teachers, Teacher Assistance & staff professional development.

- Teacher conferences
- Circle Reports/Six weeks check list

VI. Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous

Trainings, workshops, meetings, and family engagement activities are followed-up with an evaluation which provide families the opportunity to express their views of the activities. Also families are encouraged to participate in the annual parent surveys. Campus and district will use some of the following tools:

- Use survey results to provide valuable information in planning, developing and implementing prekindergarten activities for the district
- Revise/review District Prekindergarten Learning Compact & HB4 Family Engagement Plan annually