

FARWELL ISD PRE-K FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN



Family engagement is the mutual responsibility of families, schools, and the community to build relationships that support student learning and achievement. Family engagement supports 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 supports the whole child and is both culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate.

Farwell ISD believes that a quality education is key to a successful future for all students. FISD has developed this plan to help achieve and maintain high levels of family involvement and positive family attitudes towards education.

The six components of the Family Engagement Plan:

- (1) Facilitate family-to-family support
- (2) Establish a network of community resources
- (3) Increasing family participation in decision-making
- (4) Equipping families with tools to enhance and extend learning
- (5) Developing staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks
- (6) Evaluating family engagement efforts and using evaluation for continuous improvement

Components	Activities/Events/Practices
Facilitate family – to – family support	Social events for families to connect with one another. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PreK Round Up 2. Meet the Teacher 3. Christmas Party 4. Grandparents Breakfast 5. Field Day 6. Book Fair 7. Classroom newsletters 8. Open House 9. Awards Assembly 10. Fisd school app 11. Color Run
Establish a network of community resources	Fisd will provide information to parents and assist in connecting them to community resources such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist by facilitating referrals for needed services 2. Providing staff and/or parent partners for translation and cultural resources 3. PTO 4. Build strategic partnerships 5. Monitor and evaluate policies and practices to stimulate innovation and create learning pathways 6. Establish and maintain partnerships with businesses, faith-based organizations, and community agencies 7. Communicate short and long term goals to all stakeholders
Increase family participation in decision making	Communication – social media, school email, parent-teacher conferences, phone calls, volunteers in classrooms, Fisd website, and Fisd school app Other: parent surveys, parent committees
Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning	Fisd will provide parents with tools to support their child’s learning by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintaining daily communication folders 2. Posting parent resources on the Fisd website 3. Sharing ideas with parents at parent/teacher conferences, newsletters, and at campus-family learning events 4. Encourage family participation in the classroom 5. Sending home CLI reports and report cards

<p>Developing staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks</p>	<p>FES will strive to meet the needs of families through ongoing development of staff in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Staff development offered at administrator, faculty, and department meetings2. Early Childhood courses at Reg 16 ESC
<p>Evaluating family engagement efforts and using evaluation for continuous improvement</p>	<p>FISD will evaluate family engagement efforts through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Parent surveys2. Parent attendance at campus events