



MANSFIELD ISD PRE-K FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN
2017-2018

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Mansfield ISD Early Literacy Department High-Quality Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan

The MISD Early Literacy Department will create a partnership between our families, schools and community for the successful transition into kindergarten. We feel “Together is Better” is the most effective way to promote a culture of learning that is child-centered and family driven.

Definitions of Family and Family Engagement: (HB4)

Family: Family includes adult and children significant in the child’s life who support the early learning and development of the child.

Family Engagement Definition: Family engagement is the mutual responsibility of families, school, and communities to build relationships to support student learning and achievement and to 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, supports the whole child, and is both culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate.



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Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan:

Component	Evidence
1. Facilitate Family-to-Family Support	<p>Prekindergarten teachers and teacher assistants will provide parents with opportunities to participate in district and campus initiatives such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom Volunteering • Campus Family Nights (Trunk or Treat, etc.) • MISD Back-to-School Bash (Pre-K Booth) • MISD Summer Reading • MISD Toys for Tots • MISD PTA Involvement • Campus PTA Involvement • Meet-the-Teacher • Elementary Open House • Elementary Literacy Nights • MISD Multicultural Fair (Pre-K Booth)
2. Establish a Network of Community of Resources	<p>MISD partnerships with community organizations will create a network of resources that will directly benefit Prekindergarten families as needed: Some resources are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA Clothes Closet • District Family Support Services/Food Pantry • Back-to-School Bash (Immunizations, Supplies) • CLI Engage Parent Resources • A Parent’s Guide to Pre-K Literacy Materials
3. Increase Family Participation in Decision-Making	<p>Pre-K families will be invited to participate and serve on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus & District Level Committees/Meetings • District Family Engagement Survey • Feedback after Family Engagement Workshops & Events • Pre-K Curriculum Feedback Form (Website)

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<p>4. Equip Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning to Increase Student Achievement</p>	<p>Pre-K 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registering families for CLI Engage • Campus Early Literacy & Math Family Workshops • October Learning Conferences – Pre-K Data Folders • Summer Reading with Reading A-Z • Pre-K Summer School • Campus Library Resources • A Parent’s Guide to Prekindergarten Text • Technology: Email, Classroom & Campus Website, REMIND 101, Class Dojo, Newsletters, Twitter • Pre-K/Kinder Round-Up • Adult Education Classes (Ben Barber Academy)
<p>5. Provide Ongoing Professional Development Opportunities for Educators that Support Families in Meeting their Children’s Learning Benchmarks</p>	<p>The Early Literacy department will provide PK teachers, and paras professional development on the following days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 10, 2017 – Curriculum/Letters Alive • September 5, 2017 – RAZ Kids • September 19, 2017 – CLI/CIRCLE • October 9, 2017 – Fostering Language and Literacy • November 7, 2017 – PK PLC Meeting • January 23, 2018 – PK PLC Meeting • April 3, 2018 – PK PLC Meeting • May 30-31, 2018 – MISD Curriculum Conference

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<p>6. Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Use Results for Continuous Improvement</p>	<p>Trainings, workshops, meetings, and family engagement activities are followed with an evaluation, which provide families the opportunity to express their views on the activities. In addition, families are encouraged to participate in the district-wide parent survey. Campus and district will use some of the following tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use survey results to provide valuable information in planning, developing and implementing prekindergarten activities for the district• Revise/review District Prekindergarten Learning Compact and Family Engagement Plan annually
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