

# *Waxahachie ISD*

## *Pre-Kindergarten*

### *Family Engagement Plan*

#### *2021-2022*

*Waxahachie ISD provides a high-quality prekindergarten program to its youngest learners. Our goal is to bring families, schools, and the community together for the success of our students. In June of 2017, the Texas Legislature passed The General Appropriations Act, Article III, Rider 78. Part of this legislation requires districts to create a specific family engagement plan for our prekindergarten programs.*

*Family engagement as defined in Rider 78 says, "The mutual responsibility of families, schools, and communities is to build relationships that support student learning and achievement, family well-being, and the continuous learning and development of children, families, and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated into the child's educational experience, supports the whole child, and is both culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate."*

*The following goals and strategies explain how Waxahachie ISD is engaging families.*

<i>Family Engagement Goal</i>	<i>Strategies in Action</i>
<p data-bbox="256 445 722 550">1. <i>Facilitate family to family support</i></p>	<p data-bbox="824 445 1388 667"><i>Prekindergarten teachers will provide parents with opportunities to participate in district and campus wide initiatives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="824 745 1274 787"><i>-Volunteering in classrooms</i></li> <li data-bbox="824 808 1291 913"><i>-Guidance on the Go Lessons (parent trainings)</i></li> <li data-bbox="824 924 1226 966"><i>-STEM Night (District)</i></li> <li data-bbox="824 987 1291 1029"><i>-Parent-teacher conferences</i></li> <li data-bbox="824 1050 1323 1092"><i>- Parent Teacher Organization</i></li> <li data-bbox="824 1113 1015 1155"><i>- Book Fair</i></li> <li data-bbox="824 1176 1209 1218"><i>-Creature Teacher Visit</i></li> <li data-bbox="824 1239 1144 1281"><i>-Class Celebrations</i></li> <li data-bbox="824 1302 1047 1344"><i>-Fall Festival</i></li> <li data-bbox="824 1365 1242 1407"><i>-Class Musical Programs</i></li> <li data-bbox="824 1428 1291 1470"><i>-Valentine's Day Celebration</i></li> <li data-bbox="824 1491 1404 1533"><i>-End of Year Recognition Programs</i></li> <li data-bbox="824 1554 1388 1690"><i>-Offer opportunities for parents to observe and interact in a PK classroom</i></li> <li data-bbox="824 1711 1047 1753"><i>-Theme Days</i></li> </ul>

<p>2. <i>Establish a network of community services</i></p>	<p><i>Our partnerships will create a network of resources that will benefit prekindergarten families:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>-Operation First Day of School</i></li><li><i>-Backpack Food Program</i></li><li><i>-Provide families with a list of community resources</i></li><li><i>-Hope Clinic Early Childhood Coalition</i></li><li><i>-Night of Wonder</i></li></ul>
<p>3. <i>Increase family participation in decision making</i></p>	<p><i>Prekindergarten parents will be invited to participate in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>-Campus Education Improvement Committee (CEIC)</i></li><li><i>-Prekindergarten Family Engagement Survey</i></li></ul>

4. Equip families to enhance and extend learning

Prekindergarten families will be encouraged to attend learning opportunities to enhance and extend learning:

-Reviewing nine weeks and end of year student expectations and goals with parents at Parent Orientation Night held at beginning of the year

-Campus Reading

-Technology: email, campus website, Facebook, twitter Newsletters

District Conference Day -WISD

Tribe Parent Academies

-Conscious Discipline (Calming Techniques)

-Family Engagement Nights

<p>5. <i>Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmark</i></p>	<p><i>The prekindergarten department will bring awareness to family engagement HB 4 requirements and guidelines by meeting and discussing these topics and requirements on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>-August 9-11, 2021</i></li><li><i>-August 30, 2021</i></li><li><i>-October 4, 2021</i></li><li><i>-October 25, 2021</i></li><li><i>-November 1, 2021</i></li><li><i>-November 29, 2021</i></li><li><i>-January 3, 2022</i></li><li><i>-January 31, 2022</i></li><li><i>-February 28, 2022</i></li><li><i>-March 21, 2022</i></li><li><i>-April 4, 2022</i></li><li><i>-May 2, 2022</i></li></ul>
<p>6. <i>Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement</i></p>	<p><i>Families are encouraged to give input using the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>-Prekindergarten survey</i></li><li><i>-District wide survey</i></li><li><i>-Input from PTO</i></li><li><i>-Input from teachers and staf</i></li></ul>