

Amherst Independent School District

Family Engagement Plan



2025-26 School Year

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- Amherst ISD created a High-Quality Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan to promote partnership between our schools, families, and community during School Year 25-26. The plan ensures successful outcomes for our youngest learners in pre-K programs. Collaboratively, we all share the responsibility to encourage and support activities and practices that enhance the success of student learning and achievement.
- AISD'S PK Program uses a self-assessment tool provided by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to identify and evaluate areas of need and areas of growth. The results then determine the district's pathway for improvement, to continue providing high-quality education for our Pre-K students.

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Plan Components:

1) Facilitate Family-To-Family Support

Create a safe and respectful environment where families can learn from each other as individuals and in groups.

Events:

- Bulldog Booster Club- Meet and Greet
- Campus Shared Decision-Making Committee
- District Community Meetings, Translators Provided
- Title 1 Campus Meetings, Translators Provided
- Volunteer opportunities
- Breakfast with Parents

2) Establish a Network of Community Resources

Build partnerships with community organizations to offer community resources for caregivers

Events:

- Provide families with free recreational options- walking track, gym, and playground equipment
- Collaborations with Neighborhood Community Centers
- Staff encouraged and given time to attend Community Events
- Translation Assistance provided.

3) Increase Family Participation in Decision-Making

Participation in district and school-wide decision-making empowers caregivers as their child's first teacher and advocate.

Events:

- Title 1 Parent Advisory Committee Meetings
- Campus Shared Decision-Making Committee
- Bulldog Booster Club Participation
- District Parent Satisfaction Survey
- Pre-K Enrollment Intake Form

4) Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning

Opportunities to learn about student progress and ways to support success at home

Events:

- Homework/Activity calendar
- Parent/Teacher Conference Night
- Notification of Performance – PK CIRCLE results, etc.
- Classroom Volunteer Schedule

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

Provide essential professional development for educators in understanding communication and engagement with families

Events:

- District Wide PD Days
- Early Childhood support to campus administrators
- Kindergarten Teacher Collaboration
- Service Center Workshops/ Trainings

6) Evaluate family engagement efforts and use results for continuous improvement

Develop data collection systems to monitor family engagement

Events:

- District Parent Survey
- Student Performance Data
- TEA Self-Evaluation
- Family Engagement Plan Committee evaluation and revision for the up-coming year.