

**Dickinson ISD**  
**Pre-K Family Engagement Plan**  
**2017-2018**

Dickinson Independent School District (DISD) believes that all parents, teachers, and community leaders are a “valuable link” in the educational success of all students. We promote the involvement of all stakeholders to support student learning and achievement and to support family well-being, family-student relationships, and on-going learning and development of children, families, and educators. We have established a family engagement plan to increase the collaboration between all stakeholders.

<p><b>Facilitate Family to Family Support</b>  <i>The expectation for all meetings involving parents, staff and/or community members is that it will be a safe and respectful environment where all participants can learn from each other as individuals and in groups. We will provide additional opportunities for parents to participate in their child’s school day, increase parent awareness of academic expectations and progress, and give parents opportunities to provide input into the campus decision making process.</i></p>	<p><i>Activities for this component include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prekindergarten Round-Up and registration which will include a parent interest survey</li> <li>• Meet and Greet Teacher Night</li> <li>• Parent Handbook</li> <li>• Parent Orientation (September)</li> <li>• Parent Conference Day (November)</li> <li>• Parent conferences</li> <li>• Family Math and Literacy Nights</li> <li>• Parent training focusing on pre-k standards</li> <li>• PPCD Parent Support Group</li> <li>• Create and Share Pre-K Standards</li> </ul>
<p><b>Establish A Network of Community Resources</b>  <i>Dickinson ISD currently has a local business sponsor for each campus. The level of involvement will be extended beyond the current services. We will conduct a community outreach push to recruit additional business sponsors in order to build strategic partnerships that will benefit our students. The goal of this effort is to increase volunteer hours, gain support for student needs, and provide additional adult role models. Not only will we focus on academics, we will also focus on the physical, social and emotional needs of our students and parents.</i></p>	<p><i>Partnerships for this component include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gator Hope Clinic</li> <li>• Community Resource Coordinator Group of Galveston County</li> <li>• M. I. Lewis Social Services Center - multi-purpose center that provides support to families in crisis including clothing, food and financial assistance</li> <li>• Communities in Schools</li> <li>• UTMB Pre-K Training Program</li> <li>• National Alliance on Mental Illness</li> <li>• Child Advocacy Center - trauma counseling</li> <li>• Bay Area Assistance League - Operation School Bell (clothing for school)</li> <li>• Social Worker</li> </ul>
<p><b>Increase Family Participation In Decision Making</b>  <i>DISD encourages family participation in decision making. Their contributions are crucial to a well-rounded and well-thought out plan that will facilitate support for all stakeholders and impact positive student achievement.</i></p>	<p><i>Strategies for this component include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Interest Survey conducted at beginning of year</li> <li>• Parents as members of the CIC (Campus Improvement Committee)</li> <li>• Parents as members of the SIT (Student Intervention Team)</li> <li>• Student daily planner/weekly folder</li> <li>• PTO/PTA membership and participation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Equip Families With Tools To Enhance And Extend Learning</b>  <i>DISD will equip families with learning opportunities to enhance an extend learning by providing a variety of activities.</i></p>	<p><i>Strategies and activities for this component provided by DISD will include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gator Bytes- weekly online newsletter that informs parents and community members about district events and opportunities.</li> <li>• Monthly campus newsletter that provides detailed information regarding campus academic, fine arts, social and athletic events on the campus</li> <li>• Guided reading folders and daily readers</li> <li>• Social media/campus and district websites</li> </ul>
<p><b>Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children’s learning benchmarks</b>  <i>DISD will provide ongoing professional development opportunities for all stakeholders to bring awareness of the parental involvement program and the impact that parent involvement has on the success of a child.</i></p>	<p><i>Strategies and activities for this component provided include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Progress Monitoring through Circle Assessment Reports</li> <li>• Online Learning for Parents through Texas School Ready – a series of interactive tutorials for parents offers deeper understanding about child development.</li> <li>• Understanding Child Development – a developmental milestone checklist, birth to 8 years, helps parents measure their child’s intellectual, physical and emotional growth and development.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts And Use Evaluations For Continuous Improvement</b>  <i>All meetings are followed by evaluations to provide parents the opportunity to express their views on the value of the activity.</i></p>	<p><i>Parent evaluations will be conducted after each campus event focused on improving family engagement.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A data collection system will be used to track family engagement participation.</li> </ul>