

North Zulch ISD
High-Quality Prekindergarten (HQPK) Family Engagement Plan
2024-2025

“The mutual responsibility of families, schools and communities to build relationships to support student learning and achievement, 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 and is both culturally and linguistically appropriate.” Texas Administrative Code §102.1003.

North Zulch ISD, in accordance with the House Bill 3 High-Quality Prekindergarten guidelines, created a High-Quality Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan to promote partnership between our school, families, and community to ensure the successful outcomes for our youngest learners in prekindergarten programs. Collaboratively, we all share the responsibility to encourage and support initiatives, activities, and practices that enhance the success of student learning and achievement.

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Six Components	Component Description	Activity/Event/Practice Details and Timing
1. Facilitate Family-to-Family Support	North Zulch ISD will create a safe and respectful environment that will promote supportive interaction between households and provide families with opportunities to participate in district and campus initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Newsletters • Communication through Parent Square • Open House • Meet the Teacher • Book Fairs • Holiday Events • PTO Meetings • Parent Conferences • Family Engagement Nights
2. Establish a Network of Community Resources	North Zulch ISD will build a partnership with community and faith-based organizations, utilize community resources, and identify support from various agencies to create a network of resources that will directly benefit Prekindergarten families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brazos Valley Food Bank Backpack Program • MHMR of the Brazos Valley - Madisonville • TAMU TCHAT • Local Churches and Faith Based Organizations • Lions Club (eye glasses) • Project Unity • Son-shine Outreach Center

<p>3. Increase Family Participation in Decision Making</p>	<p>Prekindergarten families will be encouraged to participate and collaborate with the district in decision –making strategies and activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs Assessments • Parent Surveys • ARD Committees • Parent Conferences • District Improvement Planning Committee • Safety Committee • School Health Advisory Council • PTO
<p>4. Equip Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning</p>	<p>North Zulch ISD will equip families with learning opportunities to enhance and extend learning by providing families with information and training to create home activities that are age and developmentally appropriate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitations to attend parent/teacher conferences • Collaborating with families to respond to children’s behavior in a positive and supportive way • Daily work folders • Parent Square to communicate about student behavior and activities • Family Engagement Night activities • Newsletters
<p>5. Provide Ongoing Professional Development Opportunities for Educators That Support Families in Meeting Their Children’s learning Benchmarks</p>	<p>The Prekindergarten teaching staff will participate in professional development opportunities that focus on family engagement strategies that enhance instruction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLI Engage Online Learning and Professional Development • Region 6 Trainings • PK Guidelines • Districtwide Professional Development
<p>6. Evaluate family engagement efforts and use results of the evaluations for continuous improvement</p>	<p>North Zulch ISD will seek input from families to improve the quality of instruction, climate, and family engagement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/Family surveys • Comprehensive Needs Assessments • Records of family participation and attendance at school events • Evaluation and review of the content and effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Transition Activities:

- PLC meetings that provide collaboration with Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers for transitioning students to Kindergarten
- Provide school tours/visits with families and the community to encourage smooth transitions to Kindergarten
- Provide an information sheet to families when they register that provides information on how to best prepare their child for Prekindergarten

Linguistic & Culturally Inclusive Practices:

- Ensure Human Resources Department routinely implements linguistically and culturally inclusive hiring practices
- Provide ongoing professional development to educators on culturally responsive topics with an early childhood focus
- Use culturally relevant materials in classrooms and for homework sent to families
- Use home languages for all communications sent to families
- Provide translators and interpreters during all events/activities for caregivers

Conclusion:

The North Zulch ISD HQPK Family Engagement Plan is one of the strategies our district uses to guide collaborative success. The positive relationships between staff and families that North Zulch ISD promotes through the HQPK Family Engagement plan, help build a shared understanding of how we can work together to ensure every child will reach their full potential, from birth to kindergarten and beyond.

HQPK Family Engagement Plan URL for ECDS submission:

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