

SLIDELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

“On track and leading the pack”



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Preschool Family Engagement Plan

Family engagement is defined as:

“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.

The Slidell ISD Early Childhood Program embraces the individuality and uniqueness of families and promotes a culture of learning that is child-centered and age-appropriate. Building partnerships between educators and families, by way of the **Family Engagement Plan**, ensures that every learner is encouraged, supported, and challenged to achieve the highest levels of knowledge, skills, and character.

Family Engagement Plan Goals and Strategies

Goal 1: Facilitate Family to Family Support

Slidell ISD will provide opportunities for families to participate in campus/ district initiatives such as:

Facilitate Access to Language Support Services: Ensure that families have access to translation and interpretation services to support effective communication of important information.

Leverage Bilingual Community Members: Identify and engage bilingual family members or community volunteers who are willing to assist with translation and interpretation needs for families, as appropriate.

Volunteer Opportunities such as Greyhound Greeters, serving on the LPAC committee, and other campus/ district wide committees.

Campus Special Events such as Veteran’s Day and Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad or Other Loved One.

Parent Organizations: Parent and Teachers Together (PATT) Organization

District or Campus sponsored events such as Meet the Teacher, Pre-K and Kindergarten Enrollment.

Goal 2: Establish a Network of Community Resources

Slidell ISD, in partnership with community organizations, will support a network of resources that will directly benefit our Pre-K families as needed:

- Connections with agencies serving young children such as Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) through Texas Health and Human Services.
- Campus and District Committees
- Student Services Departmental Support
- Special Services Departmental Support
- Flu Vaccination Clinic
- T-CHATT (Mental Health Counseling)
- Clothing and School Drives
- Angel Tree
- Weekend Snack Packs
- Good Side Health
- Live Thankfully
- Local Business Partnerships
- Individualized Campus Based Programs

Goal 3: Increase Family Participation and Decision Making

Slidell ISD will encourage family participation in decision making through:

- Campus and District parent surveys
- Title1 parent surveys
- LPAC Committees
- Early Childhood parent surveys

Goal 4: Equip Families With Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning

Slidell ISD will provide opportunities for Pre-K families to receive the tools needed to enhance and extend learning such as:

- Parent and Teacher conferences
- CLI Engage Parent Resources
- District and campus communication through DOJO, campus website, newsletters, and social media
- Email
- Parents and Teachers Together (PATT) Organization
- Scholastic Book Fair

Goal 5: Develop Staff Skills In Evidence-Based Practices That Support Families In Meeting Their Child's Learning Benchmarks

Slidell ISD will train Pre-K educators on the value and importance of family engagement through

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- District/ Campus professional development
- CLI Engage Family Engagement Training
- Access to training opportunities through Region XI

Goal 6: Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Use Evaluations For Continuous Improvement

Slidell ISD will use the following data to provide continuous improvement of our Pre-K program:

- Campus parent surveys
- Parent attendance (family engagement events)
- Early Childhood Program Self- Assessment

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Resources

2022 Pre Kindergarten Guidelines (Updated)

English [2022 Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines PK3 and PK4 Comprehensive Guide](#)

Spanish [2022 Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines- Spanish](#)

CLI Engage- Family Engagement Resources

<https://public.cliengage.org/tools/quality/family-engagement-resources/>

Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECI)

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/early-childhood-intervention-services>

Frog Street Curriculum

<https://www.frogstreet.com/>