

Childress Elementary Pre-K Family Engagement Plan

Facilitate Family-to-family support

- Creating a safe and respectful environment where families can learn from each other as individuals and in groups. (The FSA office is available for parents to plan activities. An area for siblings to play is available.)
- Establish a regular and meaningful communication between home and school. (School Newsletter, daily folder, and monthly calendar)
- Monthly meetings are conducted by parent leaders. Topics are chosen by parents through a parent survey.
- Meet the teacher night is held at the beginning of the year and home visits are made the first two weeks of school. A fall and spring conference is held for all students and conferences are held as needed throughout the year.
- Campus Based Events - Donuts For Dads, Muffins For Moms, Coffee for Grandparents, Six Family Fun Nights

Establish a network of community resources

- The Family Service Assistant provides each family with a community resource list and offers assistance as needed.
- United Supermarket provides \$10 gift cards each six weeks for each classroom to have a drawing for all students present that six weeks. This encourages perfect attendance.
- Initial dental exam on campus for students and their siblings. Transportation is provided for those that need treatment.
- The Family Service Assistant helps transition students from ECI to head start.
- A parent survey is conducted to find interest of parent meetings.
- The Family Service Assistant helps families set goals using the SMART form. These are done on the first home visit and reviewed at later visits.
- Teacher assists parents in filling out a social emotional forms. Family Service Assistant supports families with resources according to their needs.
- The Family Service Assistant translates for any Spanish speaking family, and provides them help to take ESL classes if they are interest.
- A nutrition calendar provides parents ideas to encourage family participation in their child's learning.
- Parents are asked to sign up for Ready Rosie a program on their phone, i-pad or computer. Each week parents receive four videos that model everyday interactions in familiar settings that parents can do with their child.
- Parents are invited to sign up for home I-Station and CISD will loan them a computer if they don't have one.
- Parents that receive SNAP are eligible for \$10 monthly internet provided by AT&T. Clarendon College provides GED classes for Head Start parents. Testing is paid for by Head Start.

Family participation in decision making

- The Family Service Assistant helps families identify and set SMART goals.
- Parents are provided with Policy Council minutes posted on the Parent Board in the Family Service's Assistant's office.
- Pre-K parents are asked to fill out surveys to gather feedback.
- Parents receive weekly newsletters from the school.
- Home visits and parent/teacher conferences to review student progress and goals.

Equip Families with tools to enhance learning

- Data is collected on Child Plus to monitor family engagement.
- A family assessment is conducted the beginning of school and one in May.
- Four Pre-K meetings are held each year.

Develop staff skills to help families meet learning benchmarks

- The pre-K team meets weekly to discuss student progress and evaluate ways to enhance the way students are taught.
- Pre-K teachers attend professional meetings that increase their knowledge of how to support students and their families.
- Collaborate with Region 16 Instructional specialist

Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluation for continuous improvement

- Ensuring pre-kindergarten teachers and families play a role in the family engagement implementation and evaluation process.
- Providing a family sign-in document in order to record and keep track of the amount of family attendance and engagement at each event so that we can continue to develop and grow our parent engagement at our campus.
- Evaluate the number of book bags that came back each week.