

Meadow Independent School District PreKindergarten Family Engagement Plan

VISION OF PURPOSE

Meadow ISD is dedicated to providing quality education for every student in our district. To achieve this goal of educating all students effectively, the campuses and parents must work together as partners. Neither home nor school can do the job alone. The goal is a school-home partnership that will help every student be successful.

The family engagement program will be comprehensive and will include the following components of a successful family engagement program:

- Communication between home and school is regular, two-way and meaningful.
- Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.
- Parents are welcome in the school and their support and assistance are actively encouraged.
- Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect their children and families.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT ON PREKINDERGARTEN CAMPUSES

Meadow ISD parents share the school's commitment to the educational success of their children. Meadow ISD PreKindergarten shall establish programs and practices that enhance parent involvement and reflect the specific needs of its students and their families.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR PARENTS

PreK will hold an annual Parent/Teacher meeting, in the fall, to provide parents information about the PreK guidelines. Parents will be provided information about the school, individual student assessments to be administered, school curriculum, and PreK funding designations and objectives. Copies of the Family Engagement Plan will be distributed, and parents will be encouraged to become involved.

TYPES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Meadow ISD will assist PreK in "building capacity" through parent involvement opportunities and support in implementing effective parental involvement strategies through coordination and funding to:

- assist parents with interpreting assessment data to monitor their child's progress;
- provide training opportunities for parents on effective parenting skills;
- provide training to help parents assist their children at home;

- provide parents with information regarding the necessary skills for their child to master to be considered kindergarten “ready”;
- coordinate with other parent involvement activities in programs such as Kindergarten;
- to the extent possible, see that information is sent home in a language and format that parents can understand;
- provide staff development on the value and importance of parent involvement and regular communications with parents, as equal stakeholders, to build partnerships between parents and the school; and
- provide high quality staff development and training to PreK teachers and para-professionals to continuously improve student learning and understanding of school concepts and the world around them.

STAFF/PARENT COMMUNICATION

Parents will be informed through a variety of communication methods throughout the school year. Student handbooks, newsletters, school marquees, district and campus web pages, conferences, phone calls, emails, personal contacts and written notices will be used to establish and maintain an open line of communication. The Family Engagement Plan will be posted to the Meadow ISD website. Copies will be available, upon request, in the Meadow Elementary Office.

TRANSITIONING TO KINDERGARTEN

Prekindergarten will complete specially designed transitioning activities for PreK students at the end of the school year to prepare students for a smooth transition into kindergarten. Curriculum activities will be designed to provide PreK students with the knowledge to be “ready” for kindergarten. Established routines and familiarity with kindergarten staff are examples of the activities that will be used to promote this transition.

EVALUATION

There will be regular assessment of parent involvement initiatives and activities which will allow the district to evaluate the effectiveness of parent involvement initiatives and the level of responsiveness to parents’ concerns. PreK will conduct an annual review of its parental involvement activities and communications and provide recommendations for improvement to the Family Engagement Plan.

Meadow ISD will conduct an annual evaluation of the District Parent Involvement Program and determine necessary recommendations for improvement in the Parent Involvement Plan.