

Merkel Elementary Pre-K Family Engagement Plan

Family Engagement Goal	Strategies
Facilitate family-to-family support	<p>Social events for families to connect with one another.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the teacher • Open House • Make It Take It Night • Science and Math Night • Watch DOGS program • Halloween, Valentine and Christmas classroom parties • End of Year programs
Establish a network of community resources	<p>Build Strategic partnerships by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership with local Lion’s Club to provide vision resources as needed for PK learners • Holiday Gift Assistance partnerships with local businesses for families in need • Campus counselor assistance for short term family guidance and needs • Merkel Fire/Police Department visits and speakers that share resources with families and the school promoting safety and overall well-being • Community partnership to provide food, after school snacks, and back to school supplies for learners in need • Health Services • Nutrition Services
Increase family participation in decision making	<p>Provide opportunities for parent to be involved and have a voice: Campus and District site – based committees, SHAC committee and etc. Foster comfortable open dialog between families and school by utilizing all available resources and means of communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Communication Folders • Schoolway • Class Dojo • Social Media • Home Visits • Parent – Teacher Conferences • Progress monitoring information is shared with parents encouraging their feedback, questions, and ideas regarding future learning experiences. • Phone calls • Email • Watch DOGS Programs
Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MISD offers a high-quality full day PK program to eligible learners, enhancing and extending socialization and facilitating parent involvement for Pre-K families • Parents are encouraged to access class/campus/district

	<p>information from the Parent Portal on the MISD website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents are provided with learner progress by way of regular report cards, weekly teacher communication, etc. • PK registrations and throughout the summer and school year that include campus tours and school/program information • At Parent Conferences and Home Visits, teachers share ideas for supporting learning at home – provide any necessary materials (flash cards, crayons/pencils, counters, etc.) • Family Science and Math Night
<p>Develop staff skills in evidence – based practices that support families in meeting their children’s learning benchmarks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilization of resources available in CLI Engage and Circle Progress Monitoring platforms • Continuing membership in the Region 14 Coop as a means of professional learning, program effectiveness, and practices associated with HQPK implementation • Parent – Teacher Conferences • All Pre-Kindergarten teachers will attend a minimum of 30 hours of professional development during the 2017-2018 school year, including CLI training
<p>Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make end of year survey available in multiple forms to collect feedback from families • Keep record of family participations/attendance in school events • Log communications with families