



SANTA ANNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2021-2022 Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan

The Santa Anna School District and Elementary Campus focus on meaning parent involvement from parents, community members, and other stakeholder. Our expectation is to build positive relationships between the schools and the families in our community.

1. Facilitate Family-to-Family Support

Create a safe and respectful environment to ensure opportunities for continuous participation in events where families can learn from each other and social events to connect with one another such as:

- Meet the Teacher Night
- Academic Nights
- Family Book Fair Night
- Special Events (Field day, Field trips, etc.)
- Thanksgiving Feast
- 100 Days of School

2. Establish a Network of Community Resources

Collaborate and Identify support from and establish partnerships with community businesses and organizations.

- Identifying current partnerships
- Meet the Teacher Night
- ACE Evening Family Events
- Fundraisers
- Mentor Program
- Volunteer Grandparent
- Provide staff time to participate in community events/meetings that enhance the program's ability to meet family needs

3. Increase Family Participation in Decision-Making

Encourage family engagement and participation in decision making to support and impact positive achievement:

- Collaborating with family to solve challenges
- Presenting opportunities to provide input and feedback
- Identifying families who can represent prekindergarten at various school functions
- Inviting parents as participants in the development of continuous improvement plan
- Provide opportunities for families to provide input on key decisions (i.e., family surveys, focus groups, plan for next year, plan events at school, field trips, purchases of major items)
- Site Based Decision Meetings
- Surveys
- Facebook Page
- Parent Conferences
- Positive Parent Phone Calls
- Home-School Compacts
- Weekly Newsletter
- Stay Connected App.

4. Equip Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning

Provide opportunities for two-way communication between parents and school to enhance learning:

- Providing families with information related to age-appropriate developmental expectations
- Equipping families with resources and skills to create a home learning environment.
- Encouraging families' participation in the classroom
- Promoting the use of family-friendly technology that supports home learning
- Conference with parents at least twice a year and collaborate with them in goal setting for their child
- Encourage family members to volunteer in the classroom
- Kindergarten staff visit prekindergarten classroom and give parents the opportunity to meet teachers and have their questions answered
- Book Fairs
- Personal Library Book Giveaways
- Social Media
- Parent Conferences
- PreK & Kinder Round-Up

5. Developing Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Practices that Support Families in Meeting their Children's Learning Benchmarks.

Emphasize awareness of Parental Involvement and promote family engagement as a core strategy to improve teaching and learning among all educators and staff.

- Providing professional Development
 - Professional ethics (confidentiality, boundaries, etc.)
 - Interaction with parents (cultural and linguistic responsiveness, etc.)
 - Common responses to children's behavior
 - Supporting a family in crisis
- Brainstorm new ideas to enhance parent communication
- Collaborate to gain new ideas for parent leadership and decision making
- Provide training for educators on how to respond to families that are in crisis

6. Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Using Evaluations for Continuous Improvement

Use data to ensure alignment between family engagement activities, school teaching and learning goals.

- Incorporating family engagement into the district's existing improvement plans
- Use of research-based tools to assess the effectiveness of family engagement
- Setting child-centered goals with parents at the beginning of the school year. Follow up with families several times during the school year to discuss progress
- Parent Sign-In Sheets
- Log Communications with Families

Santa Anna ISD prioritizes family engagement in our overall mission of the district. The district mission statement is "Santa Anna Independent School District, in collaboration with the community, will serve, lead, inspire, and challenge ALL learners. " Our staff has a high expectation for trustworthy collaboration between school and families. We encourage all families to participate in school events throughout the year.