

# Lamar Elementary Pre-Kindergarten

## Family Engagement Plan

Family engagement is the mutual responsibility of families, school and communities which builds relationships to support student learning and achievement and to support family well-being, family-student relationships and ongoing learning and development of children, families, and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated in the child's educational experience and supports the whole child.

- Goal #1- Facilitate family-to-family support
- Goal #2- Establish a network of community resources
- Goal #3- Increase family participation in decision making
- Goal #4- Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning
- Goal #5- Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks
- Goal #6- Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement

Facilitate family to family support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTO Meetings</li> <li>• Every semester Make-and-Take activities with parents</li> <li>• Family Polar Express Night</li> <li>• Family Ready Ram Night</li> <li>• Family Multicultural Night</li> <li>• Fun Fest</li> </ul>
Establish a network of community resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backpack Buddies</li> <li>• Coat Closet</li> <li>• Mobile Bus with Palo Pinto General Hospital</li> <li>• Establish partnerships with Center of Hope, local churches and community support</li> <li>• Bilingual staff</li> <li>• Provide access to a computer for online school needs</li> <li>• Provide a list of community resources</li> <li>• Provide a monthly campus newsletter</li> <li>• Provide a monthly Pre-K newsletter with a variety of activities to extend learning</li> <li>• Angel Tree Program</li> <li>• Character Kid Awards program</li> <li>• Semester Awards</li> </ul>

<p>Increase family participation in decision making</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus Improvement Team</li> <li>• SHAC</li> <li>• District of Innovation Committee</li> <li>• Parent Surveys</li> <li>• District Improvement Committee</li> <li>• Bilingual/ESL Committee</li> <li>• LPAC Representatives</li> <li>• PTO Officers</li> <li>• Parent leadership opportunities in Make-and-Take meetings</li> <li>• Parent conferences</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p>Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent newsletters including family activities including CLI engage family activities</li> <li>• Make-and-Take Sessions</li> <li>• Family Nights</li> <li>• School webpage and Facebook page</li> <li>• Communication binder including homework, important notes, ABC's of PK, calendar of events and themes and behavior chart</li> <li>• Ready Ram Parent night with resources and activities to complete during the summer months for incoming and exiting PK students</li> <li>• Open House</li> <li>• Meet the Teacher</li> <li>• List of links of websites for family access to extend and enhance learning at home</li> <li>• Istation Access</li> </ul>
<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"> <li>• Highly-qualified PK professional development</li> <li>• Staff development offered at faculty and PLC meetings</li> <li>• Customer service training provided by Superintendent</li> <li>• Support provided by Instructional Specialists</li> <li>• Parent conferences to engage and inform families of their child's progress and meeting of academic milestones</li> <li>• Parent surveys to review and provide input on program practices, policies, communications, and events in order to ensure the program is responsive to the needs of families</li> <li>• CLI Engage progress monitoring on all PK students</li> </ul>

Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement

- CLI Progress monitoring on all PK students
- Parent Surveys
- Parent/Teacher conferences to engage and inform families of their child's progress and meeting of academic milestones