



# Vanguard Academy Charter School for the Fine Arts

## Family Engagement Plan for Pre-Kinder

Vanguard Academy Charter School believes that all parents, teachers and community leaders are a vital part of the educational success of all students. We promote the involvement of key stakeholders by providing services that connect children and their families to community resources and by encouraging parents to be an active component in their child's education. Our family engagement plan aims to increase the collaboration between all stakeholders for our students' benefit and to welcome active participation of parents, teachers, business and community leaders in all aspects of our students' education.

<p>Facilitate family-to-family support</p>	<p>The VACS plan will include a Parent and Family Engagement Specialist to assist with the campus-family relationship and provide parents with opportunities to participate in district and campus initiatives, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy Nights</li> <li>• Health Fair</li> <li>• Curriculum Nights</li> <li>• Home visits to identify strengths, interests, and needs</li> <li>• Parental Discipline/ Behavior Management Sessions</li> </ul>
<p>Establish a network of community resources</p>	<p>VACS in partnership with Community Organizations will establish resources that provide services to the students, in an effort to equip parents and caregivers in identifying and appreciating the developmental growth of their child. Some of the resources will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United Way of South Texas</li> <li>• Boys and Girls Club of America</li> </ul>
<p>Increase family participation in decision making</p>	<p>VACS encourages family participation in decision making. Their contributions will facilitate support for all stakeholders and impact positive student achievement. Parents will be invited to participate in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus and District Wide Site-Based Decision Making Committees (SBDM)</li> <li>• Family feedback on activities</li> <li>• Parent surveys</li> <li>• Regularly scheduled district and campus-level meetings</li> </ul>
<p>Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning</p>	<p>VACS will equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning that will be age and developmentally appropriate for our students, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus weekly newsletters</li> <li>• Monthly Home-Connect Newsletter</li> <li>• Regularly scheduled parent/family-teacher conferences</li> <li>• Student Data Meetings and Curriculum Nights</li> </ul>
<p>Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks</p>	<p>VACS will bring awareness of the Parental Involvement Program, ESSA/Federal requirements and guidelines with emphasis on the value and impact of a parent's contribution to their child's education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff development offered at administrator, faculty, and department meetings</li> <li>• Support parent-child relationships in a way that values the culture and language of families and recognize how different cultures may influence family development</li> <li>• Region One trainings</li> <li>• Develop effective communication strategies for teachers to parents</li> </ul>
<p>Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement</p>	<p>Trainings, workshops, meetings, and parental involvement activities will be followed by an evaluation, which provides parents the opportunity to express their views on the value of the activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct surveys for parent input on the planning, development and implementation of district and campus programs</li> <li>• Compile survey data and evaluate it to ensure continuous improvement for a more effective Parental Involvement Program</li> </ul>