

# Rockdale ISD Family Engagement Plan

## Prekindergarten

The Rockdale Independent School District (RISD) intends to make available a high quality prekindergarten program available to all eligible students. The district believes that the education of students is a partnership between the school, parents, and community and that all entities play an essential role in the success of students. The family engagement plan promotes and reflects practices that create a foundation of mutual collaboration, embrace the uniqueness of students and families, and promotes a child-centered program of education.

COMPONENTS	RISD's STRATEGIC PLAN
<p><b>Facilitate family-to-family support</b> Rockdale ISD Pre-K Program will create a safe and respectful environment where families can learn from others, and ensure opportunities for participation in events designed for families such as training on family leadership.</p>	<p>The RISD strategies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTO Meetings</li> <li>• Evening make-and-take activities</li> <li>• Family nights</li> <li>• Thanksgiving Extravaganza, Pre-K Rodeo</li> </ul>
<p><b>Establish a network of community resources</b> Rockdale ISD Pre-K Program will work to build strategic partnerships, leverage community resources, monitor and evaluate policies and practices to stimulate innovation and creativity, identify support from agencies including mental and physical health providers, work to create family-friendly transition plans for students, communicate both long and short term progress to stakeholders, and identify translators and culturally relevant resources.</p>	<p>The RISD strategies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lions Club vision screening and glasses purchases</li> <li>• Local foodbank and weekly PackPals</li> <li>• Christmas Round-Up</li> <li>• Provide translators for parent conferences</li> <li>• Parent ESL classes</li> <li>• Community Relations Director</li> <li>• Renaissance Villa and MARC center gifting</li> </ul>
<p><b>Increase family participation in decision making</b> Rockdale ISD Pre-K Program will develop goals targeting family engagement identified in the campus improvement plan, provide opportunities for families to advocate for their children, collaborate with families to determine progress and ensure the program is responsive to the needs of families, and use appropriate tools to gather feedback on the plan.</p>	<p>The RISD strategies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus and District Campus Education Councils (CEC/DEC)</li> <li>• End of year Pre-K parent survey</li> <li>• Parent-Teacher Conferences</li> <li>• District and campus parent meetings</li> <li>• Semester goal sheets and flashcards sent home</li> </ul>
<p><b>Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning</b> Rockdale ISD Pre-K Program will provide families with information, best practices, and training to support learning at home, collaborate with families to appropriately respond to a child's behavior, and provide home learning activities.</p>	<p>The RISD strategies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLI Engage family activities</li> <li>• Make-and-take family sessions</li> <li>• Monthly newsletter with ideas for at home activities</li> </ul>
<p><b>Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmark</b> Rockdale ISD Pre-K Program will provide professional development for educators in communicating with families and to improve skills in supporting culturally diverse children and families.</p>	<p>The RISD strategies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing staff development for Pre-K teachers</li> <li>• CLI Online courses</li> <li>• Pre-K consultant</li> </ul>
<p><b>Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for improvement</b> The Rockdale ISD Pre-K Program will monitor family engagement, use data to align family engagement activities and school teaching/learning goals, and use information and data to guide program.</p>	<p>The RISD strategies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of year Pre-K parent survey</li> <li>• Participation data collected at family events</li> <li>• Compile evaluation data and use it to make any changes to parent involvement plan and program</li> </ul>