

Scudder Primary School

Parent Engagement Plan

The goal of the Scudder Primary Parent Engagement Plan is to maintain high levels of family involvement and positive family attitudes toward education. We work diligently to build positive relationships to support student learning and achievement.

Definitions

Family- Adults responsible for the child's care and children in the child's life who support the early learning and development of the child.

Family Engagement - The mutual responsibility of families, schools and communities to build relationships to support student learning and achievement and to support family well-being and the continuous learning and development of children, families and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated in the child's educational experience and supports the whole child and is both culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate.

Program Components

1. Facilitate family-to-family support.
2. Establish a network of community resources
3. Increase family participation in decision making

We will develop a network for collaboration of mutual partners and community resources by providing ongoing services and support to parents, caregivers, and families of the students enrolled at Scudder Primary School.

Scudder primary staff will maintain a partnership with parents through parent meetings, printed and online monthly school wide newsletters in both English and Spanish, Parent Teacher Organization monthly meetings, online website information and monthly Family Activities.

All written and verbal communication provided to Scudder Primary parents will be available in English and Spanish. Parent input will be collected from surveys, verbal feedback and from Campus Improvement Committee recommendations. (This committee is made up of parents, teachers and community members). Parent meeting agendas will include opportunities for parents to become familiar with school age appropriate academic and social expectations. The program will ensure that the school is responsive to the needs of families and use appropriate tools to ensure program goals are met.

Parents are welcomed as volunteers and or visitors in the school. Scudder primary will provide a welcoming, safe, and respectful environment for all students, parents and community members. Scudder Primary staff have been trained using the Conscious Discipline Model to provide such an environment. The Conscious Discipline Model encourages the seven skills of: composure, encouragement, assertiveness, choices, empathy, positive intent and

consequences. This model provides a foundation for staff and parents to work together to help children develop their social/emotional skills.

School visits are coordinated with daycare centers in Wimberley to help with a smooth transition into Pre-k and Kindergarten. We hold parent registration events in the spring and summer and advertise in the local paper.

We value parent engagement at Scudder Primary and view it as a key to improve teaching and learning. Ongoing program evaluation will ensure continuous program improvements.