

Ector County ISD Pre-Kindergarten Expansion Parent Involvement Policy

It will be the practice of Ector County ISD Pre-Kindergarten campuses to initiate a family engagement plan that provides a variety of training opportunities in different formats to our pre-kindergarten student parents.

The purpose in offering these trainings is to increase family engagement and assist in the development of positive family attitudes toward education. The delivery of activities will be independent sessions and continuous ongoing training by staff trained in evidence-based parenting strategies to include:

- One-to-one meetings with teacher to parent, teacher to student as parent observes, teacher to student and parent, teacher and student's family.
- Two mandatory meetings for prekindergarten parents will be scheduled; the first, at the beginning of the of the school year and a second after the first nine weeks. The first meeting will be an orientation meeting for the parent and the child to become acclimated to the school. The second mandatory meeting will be held after the first nine weeks to review the child's progress.
- Further opportunities for parent engagement will include Literacy Connections at home. Topics will include importance of family, routines, oral language, alphabet and phonological awareness, print and writing, and transition to kindergarten.
- Parents will be offered the opportunity to become parent facilitators at targeted campuses.
- Prekindergarten parents will be encouraged to mentor and facilitate incoming prekindergarten students as well as to take leadership roles in future parent trainings.
- Feedback from parents will be collected and used to guide topics of parent meetings.
- Parents will be encouraged to become involved in their school.
- Sessions specific to the needs of parents of students with disabilities will be offered.
- Monthly parent projects will be completed to promote reading and math literacy.
- Conscious discipline trainings will be held with parents throughout the year at parent friendly times and formats in multiple languages.
- Parenting training will be offered in the fall and spring semesters. Topics will include family reading, math, and science nights.
- In preparation for kindergarten, Ector County ISD will facilitate transition meetings from pre-kindergarten to kindergarten.
- Online learning resources will be made available to prekindergarten parents through campus websites.

- Community partnerships with our local universities and community agencies such as First Five, Faith Based Organizations, 211 Support Services, Catholic Charities, Lion's Club, the Baptist Closet, etc., will be established to link parents to different community resources.
- Conscious Discipline training, book studies, and other research evidence based parent strategies for instructional staff will include culturally diverse, relevant and responsive strategies.
- Supplemental educational activities for parents to do with their children will include class projects, weekend and extended learning activity backpacks, and make and take activities to be completed during parent trainings with parents and students.