

The following 6 areas provide an overview on how Lamar CISD implements family engagement in our early childhood programs. The family engagement plan shall:

1. Facilitate family-to-family support:

Lamar CISD creates a safe and respectful environment where families can learn from each other as individuals in groups. We also ensure opportunities for continuous participation in events designed for families by families such as training on family leadership. The following are examples of how we provide this environment:

- ◆ Post a visual of the LCISD Promise to Parents model on campuses
- ◆ Special Education Child Find
- ◆ Campus hosts teacher-student “meet and greets” in person and virtually
- ◆ Virtual Zoom events offered by Project Learn

2. Establish a network of community resources:

Lamar CISD is continuously building strategic partnerships from various agencies to support our families and students. The following are examples of these partnerships:

- ◆ Collaboration with the technology department to develop district family resource portal “Connect”
- ◆ Collaboration with Project Learn Coordinator to offer events on the district Family resource portal “Connect”
- ◆ Campus EL/Bilingual coaches will refer families in need of resources to the Project Learn department by completing a virtual “Family Needs” Microsoft form
- ◆ Project Learn will direct families that are referred to them to the current available community resources
- ◆ Continue to collaborate with Memorial Hermann liaison and plan parent workshops

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- ◆ Title I campus sponsored events will provide opportunities for families to learn and engage in strategies to support students at home

3. **Increase family participation in decision making:**

Lamar CISD collaborates with families to develop strategies to solve problems and serve as problem solvers. Families can participate and provide solutions through the following:

- ◆ Campus Site Based Committees
- ◆ Title I Advisory
- ◆ CANVAS parent portal
- ◆ District and Campus climate survey
- ◆ Campus Parent Teacher Association (PTO)
- ◆ Project Learn provides participating families with surveys in the beginning and end of year to help drive program development

4. **Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning:**

Lamar CISD provides families with home educational resources to support learning at home while strengthening the family/school partnership. The following are examples of this implementation:

- ◆ Expand our district family resource “Connect” portal by including Early Childhood resources, family virtual events, in collaboration with the district family engagement team.
- ◆ Distribution of parent early childhood instructional materials and literacy resources by Project Learn to participating families
- ◆ Post CANVAS parent information videos in English and Spanish on the district website for more information on virtual at home learning
- ◆ District Pre-K Facilitators will provide families with information, best practices, and virtual training related to age-appropriate developmental expectations
- ◆ Parent will be provided information on their child’s progress during parent teacher conferences along with recommended CLI Engage

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Circle activities

- ◆ District Pre-K parent resource website which includes: Pre-K At-A-Glance, academic content, parent literacy information, social and emotional development, educational websites, and CLI Engage Family

5. **Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks:**

Lamar CISD provides professional development opportunities for early childhood teachers, paraprofessionals and other campus and district staff that focus on supporting the whole child and family. The following are examples of these opportunities:

- ◆ Provide educators with strategies to promote family engagement as a tool to enhance student learning
- ◆ Developing staff awareness and to support and use culturally diverse, culturally relevant, and culturally responsive family engagement strategies
- ◆ District Pre-K Parent Engagement specialist will provide Pre-K teachers with strategies on how to support their families through ongoing instructional coaching sessions
- ◆ Teachers will continue to use the Circle assessment as a progress monitoring tool and share that data with each child's families

6. **Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement:**

Lamar CISD gathers feedback from families and uses evaluations such as:

- ◆ Campus Surveys
- ◆ Data from Campus Improvement Plans
- ◆ Utilize TEA Parent Engagement Self-Evaluation to evaluate program