

Family Engagement Plan



Donna Independent School District
Early Childhood - RLA Department
 2024-2025



Donna ISD, in alignment with the House Bill 3 High-Quality Prekindergarten standards, has cultivated a welcoming, optimistic, and dynamic partnership among prekindergarten families, schools, and the community. Encouraging family engagement during the early years enhances a child's school readiness and supports positive outcomes for our youngest learners. As a district, we have developed a family engagement plan to establish a strong foundation for collaboration among all stakeholders. This plan promotes initiatives, activities, and strategies that honor the uniqueness of each family while fostering a child-centered culture of learning.

The Donna ISD Departments of Early Childhood and Reading Language Arts firmly believe that parental involvement plays a vital role in a child's educational journey. Strengthening the connection between parents, families, and schools leads to improved student learning and positive academic trends.

Our ongoing goal is to enhance parental involvement and volunteer programs throughout the district, strengthening partnerships between schools, homes, and the community through open, two-way communication. By working together, we can better support our students and contribute to their academic success.

Intent of Donna ISD Plan -

The Donna ISD Family Engagement Plan was created to:

- Align with House Bill 3 High-Quality Program requirements within our district
- Support the Parent and Family Engagement District and Campus Policy
- Maintain open, two-way communication among all stakeholders
- Strengthen parent involvement and engagement

Plan Components:

Family Engagement Plan Component	Component Description	Activity/Plan/Practice Details and Timing
Facilitate Family-to-Family Support	<i>Donna ISD creates positive and respectful two-way communications between school and parents/families that are transparent in order to promote support to households.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Donna ISD will ensure Parental Involvement Liaisons are stationed at each campus to assist in building campus-family relationships. ● Donna ISD participates with district and campus initiatives. ● Parent Volunteer Opportunities ● PreK Registration

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna ISD and Hidalgo County Head Start Partnership collaboration • PK Round-Up events during enrollment and registration process • Donna ISD 2-way Dual District • Campus Shared Decision-Making Committee • Hidalgo County Head Start Parent Meetings • Meet the Teacher Night at Campuses • Open House throughout the year • Campus Book Fairs to support parent involvement in literacy awareness • Campus Literacy Nights • Campus programs to promote parent involvement in schools.
Establish a network of community resources	<i>Donna ISD will build strategic partnerships with community organizations to leverage community resources for caregivers through the community resources handbook, and ongoing district-wide events.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna ISD provides parents with PK guidelines • Donna ISD Community Resource Handbook • Collaborate with Vales por Dos - Interdisciplinary Biliteracy Sequence • Collaborate with community organizations to create a State of the District wraparound services. • Donna ISD and Hidalgo County Head Start Partnership collaboration • Donna ISD and UTRGV student teaching partnership • Establish a family resource center • Information communicated in Spanish and English • PK Summer Program • Translation services for families at meeting and campus/district events
Increase family participation in decision making	<i>Throughout the year, participation in district and school-wide decision-making empowers caregivers as their child's first teacher and advocate.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna ISD will encourage parent and family in decision-making through participation • Donna ISD will include parents in the development of Parental Involvement Policy • LPAC Committee • Parent Teacher Organization/Parent Teacher Association • Report Cards to share student's academic progress • Student progress letters through CLI Engage • Parent/Teacher Conferences
Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning	<i>Caregivers have multiple opportunities to learn about student progress and ways to support success at home. Caregivers also have personal extended learning opportunities.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PK Guidelines • Children's Learning Institute (CLI Engage) Activities Online • DISD Parent and Family Learning Academy • Campus Literacy Nights • Hatch Early Learning Program

<p>Provide ongoing professional development opportunities for educators</p>	<p><i>Prekindergarten teaching staff participate in professional development opportunities to support and use culturally diverse, culturally relevant, and culturally responsive family engagement strategies and enhance instruction.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prekindergarten teachers will participate in a variety of professional development opportunities by the district ● Prekindergarten teachers will participate and implement Interdisciplinary Biliteracy Sequence professional development ● District PDs ● Campus-based Professional Development Sessions on various topics ● CLI Engage Online Portal ● Scholastics Online Portal ● Hatch Early Learning Portal ● Mentoring/Coaching Sessions ● Peer Visits Districtwide
<p>Evaluate family engagement efforts and use results for continuous improvement</p>	<p><i>Ongoing campus/district needs assessment cycle will seek input to improve the quality of instruction, climate, and family engagement.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Survey 24-25 ● DISD will provide an evaluation after every training, workshop for parents to express their views ● Analysis of Data ● Campus Needs Assessment