

MORTON SCHOOLS HQPK FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN



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Introduction

The purpose of Morton ISD's Family Engagement Plan is to support high-quality prekindergarten (HQPK) programs through meaningful partnerships between schools, families, and communities. In alignment with **Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §102.1003** and the requirements outlined in **House Bill 3 (HB3)**, this plan establishes a framework that promotes family engagement as a shared responsibility among educators and families to enhance student learning and development.

Family engagement is a critical component of school readiness and long-term academic success. Research shows that students perform better academically, develop stronger social-emotional skills, and demonstrate improved attendance when families are actively involved in their education. Consistent with the six family engagement components identified in TAC §102.1003, this plan outlines strategies to create welcoming school environments, build capacity for families and staff, and provide continuous, culturally responsive opportunities for collaboration.

Through the implementation of this plan, Morton ISD affirms its commitment to fostering partnerships that empower families to support learning at home, strengthen communication between home and school, and ensure every child has the foundation needed to thrive in school and beyond.

- A. Facilitate Family to Family support using strategies such as:
 - a. Meet the Teacher at the beginning of each school year
 - b. Host Family Connection Events in the current school year
 - c. Provide a safe environment to promote family engagement, considering the different barriers that hinder family involvement.
 - d. Contacts with every parent from his/her child's teacher by home visit twice a year.
 - e. Weekly parent/guardian newsletter for parents
 - f. Pre-K Roundup with local Head Start annually for PK and Kindergarten students and their families
- B. Establish a network of community resources using strategies such as:
 - a. Provide volunteer opportunities for community partners
 - b. Build community partnerships with community members and organizations
 - c. Share community resources for families in need
 - d. Provide information on child find for students and families
 - e. Host a Literacy Night event

- C. Increase family participation in decision-making using strategies such as:
 - a. SITE Base Committee Involvement
 - b. School Health Advisory Committee Representative (SHAC)
 - c. Families are given the opportunity to give input on campus and district surveys and/or feedback on various programs
- D. Equip Families with tools to enhance and extend learning using strategies such as:
 - a. Family conferences are required twice a year (face-to-face) to discuss academic progress
 - b. Daily homework and/or information in take home folders
- E. Provide ongoing professional development opportunities to educators by:
 - a. ESC ECE trainings
 - b. Pre-K Guidelines
 - c. District wide strengths-based professional development
 - d. CLI Engage
- F. Evaluate family engagement efforts and use results for continuous improvement
 - a. Set child centered goals with parents
 - b. Title 1 Parent participation
 - c. District Improvement Plan cycle involvement
 - d. Use family feedback to adjust event times, topics, and communication strategies

Conclusion:

The Morton ISD Family Engagement Plan reflects the district's ongoing commitment to building strong, collaborative relationships between families, schools, and the community. By aligning with the requirements of **Texas Administrative Code §102.1003** and **House Bill 3 (HB3)**, the plan ensures that family engagement remains an integral part of a high-quality prekindergarten program.

Through the intentional implementation of these strategies, the district seeks to empower families as active partners in their child's learning journey, promote early literacy and school readiness, and foster a sense of shared responsibility for each child's success. As we continue to evaluate and strengthen our family engagement practices, our goal remains the same. Morton ISD strives to create supportive, inclusive, and engaging environments where every child can thrive both in school and beyond.