Garrison ISD HQPK Family Engagement Plan SY 2025-2026

Introduction

"The mutual responsibility of families, schools, and communities to build relationships to support student learning and achievement, 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 is both culturally and linguistically appropriate." Texas Administrative Code §102.1003.

Garrison ISD, in accordance with the House Bill 3 High-Quality Prekindergarten guidelines, created a High-Quality Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan to promote partnership between our school, families, and community to ensure the successful outcomes for our youngest learners in prekindergarten programs. Collaboratively, we all share the responsibility to encourage and support initiatives, activities, and practices that enhance the success of student learning and achievement.

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Family Engagement Plan Component	Component Description	Activity/Event/Practice Details and Timing
Facilitate Family-to-Family Support	Inclusive, transparent communications allow school personnel to create a safe and respectful environment to promote supportive interaction between households.	• Monthly Caregiver newsletter • Annual Caregiver Skills/Needs Survey • PK/K Student Learning Showcase (April 2025) • PK Round-Up with local childcare programs, Head Start (April 2025) • Week of The Young Child campus celebrations (April 5-11, 2025) • PK/K Meet the Teacher events (August 2025) • Healthcare Events for immunizations
Establish a network of community resources	Garrison ISD will build strategic partnerships with community organizations to leverage community resources for caregivers through the community resources handbook, and ongoing district-wide events.	• Grandparent Luncheon & Book fair (Oct. 2024) • Thanksgiving Luncheon • Heart Health Lessons Feb. 2025 • Read Across America (March 2025) • Community Helpers (October 2024) • Ice Cream Social (April 2025) • Partnership with ADAC • Garrison ISD Community Resources Handbook

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Increase family participation in decision making	Throughout the year, participation in district and school-wide decision-making empowers caregivers as their child's first teacher and advocate.	• Campus Improvement Plan Committee (April 2026) • District Improvement Plan Committee (Sept. 2025) • LPAC Committee Parent Group (ongoing)
Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning	Caregivers have multiple opportunities to learn about student progress and ways to support success at home. Caregivers also have personal extended learning opportunities.	• Annual Family Conferences with report cards • Annual Caregiver Skills/Needs survey • Monthly Caregiver classroom newsletter • Monthly Family Events
Provide ongoing professional development opportunities for educators	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.	• PK Guidelines • Technology for young children • ESC ECE training, coaching, & mentoring • District-wide strengths-based PD
Evaluate family engagement efforts and use results for continuous improvement	Ongoing campus/district needs assessment cycle will seek input to improve the quality of instruction, climate, and family engagement	• Campus Improvement Plan cycle • District/Campus Climate Surveys • Title I Parent Survey • District Performance Report • Beginning-of-Year student-centered goal setting Conferences

Transition Activities:

- Engage with local childcare providers to share and align best practices for family engagement, setting and communicating learning goals, and student progress monitoring
- Provide school tours/visits with local childcare providers and other community programs to encourage smooth transitions to kindergarten
- Implement the Transition to Kindergarten plan to support children and families moving from one grade to the next

Conclusion:

The Garrison ISD HQPK Family Engagement Plan is one of the strategies our district uses to guide collaborative success. The positive relationships between staff and families that Garrison ISD promotes through the HQPK Family Engagement plan, help build a shared understanding of how we can work together to ensure every child will reach their full potential, from birth to kindergarten and beyond.