

Family Engagement Plan



Donna Independent School District
Early Childhood - RLA Department
2023-2024



Donna ISD, aligning with the requirements of House Bill 3 High-Quality Prekindergarten standards, has fostered a welcoming, optimistic, and vibrant alliance among prekindergarten families, schools, and the community. Cultivating family involvement in the early years can bolster a young child's preparedness for school and foster positive outcomes for your youngest learners. As a district, we have provided our family engagement plan to create a foundation for the collaboration of mutual partners to promote and endorse initiatives, activities, and strategies that embrace individuality and uniqueness of families and to enrich students' learning by promoting a culture of learning that is child centered.

Donna ISD Departments of Early Childhood, Reading Language Arts, and Parental strongly believe parental involvement in their child's life, will have a positive impact in their child's learning. Working with parents and families together with schools will promote better student learning with positive trends.

Our goals are to continue to promote a strong Parental Involvement and Volunteer program in our district, to enhance partnerships between schools, home, and community through a two-way communication. This way we can better serve our students and improve their academic success.

Intent of Donna ISD Plan -

Donna ISD Family Engagement Plan was developed to:

- Comply with House Bill 3 High Quality programs in our district
- Support the parent and Family Engagement District and Campus Policy
- Keep our two-way communication open between all stakeholders
- Increase 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• Donna ISD and Hidalgo County Head Start Partnership collaboration• PK Round-Up events during enrollment and registration process

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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 • District Parent Curriculum • Collaborate with Region One to expand Adult Education classes for parents and community members • Collaborate with community organizations to create a State of the District wraparound services. • Donna ISD and Hidalgo County Head Start Partnership collaboration • 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 • 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 • IStation
Provide ongoing professional development opportunities for	<i>Prekindergarten teaching staff participate in professional development opportunities to support and</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prekindergarten teachers will participate in a variety of professional development opportunities by the district • District PDs

educators	<i>use culturally diverse, culturally relevant, and culturally responsive family engagement strategies and enhance instruction.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus-based Professional Development Sessions on various topics • CLI Engage Online Portal • Scholastics Online Portal • Frog Street Online Portal • Mentoring/Coaching Sessions • Peer Visits Districtwide
Evaluate family engagement efforts and use results for continuous improvement	<i>Ongoing campus/district needs assessment cycle will seek input to improve the quality of instruction, climate, and family engagement.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Survey 23-24 • DISD will provide an evaluation after every training, workshop for parents to express their views • Analysis of Data • Campus Needs Assessment