

# Merkel Elementary Pre-K Family Engagement Plan

Family Engagement Goal	Strategies
Facilitate family-to-family support	<p>Social events for families to connect with one another.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet the teacher</li> <li>• Open House</li> <li>• Make It Take It Night</li> <li>• Science and Math Night</li> <li>• Watch DOGS program</li> <li>• Halloween, Valentine and Christmas classroom parties</li> <li>• End of Year programs</li> </ul>
Establish a network of community resources	<p>Build Strategic partnerships by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership with local Lion’s Club to provide vision resources as needed for PK learners</li> <li>• Holiday Gift Assistance partnerships with local businesses for families in need</li> <li>• Campus counselor assistance for short term family guidance and needs</li> <li>• Merkel Fire/Police Department visits and speakers that share resources with families and the school promoting safety and overall well-being</li> <li>• Community partnership to provide food, after school snacks, and back to school supplies for learners in need</li> <li>• <a href="#">Health Services</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Nutrition Services</a></li> </ul>
Increase family participation in decision making	<p>Provide opportunities for parent to be involved and have a voice: Campus and District site – based committees, SHAC committee and etc. Foster comfortable open dialog between families and school by utilizing all available resources and means of communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Communication Folders</li> <li>• Schoolway</li> <li>• Class Dojo</li> <li>• Social Media</li> <li>• Home Visits</li> <li>• Parent – Teacher Conferences</li> <li>• Progress monitoring information is shared with parents encouraging their feedback, questions, and ideas regarding future learning experiences.</li> <li>• Phone calls</li> <li>• Email</li> <li>• Watch DOGS Programs</li> </ul>
Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MISD offers a high-quality full day PK program to eligible learners, enhancing and extending socialization and facilitating parent involvement for Pre-K families</li> <li>• Parents are encouraged to access class/campus/district</li> </ul>

	<p>information from the Parent Portal on the MISD website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents are provided with learner progress by way of regular report cards, weekly teacher communication, etc.</li> <li>• PK registrations and throughout the summer and school year that include campus tours and school/program information</li> <li>• At Parent Conferences and Home Visits, teachers share ideas for supporting learning at home – provide any necessary materials (flash cards, crayons/pencils, counters, etc.)</li> <li>• Family Science and Math Night</li> </ul>
<p>Develop staff skills in evidence – based practices that support families in meeting their children’s learning benchmarks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilization of resources available in CLI Engage and Circle Progress Monitoring platforms</li> <li>• Continuing membership in the Region 14 Coop as a means of professional learning, program effectiveness, and practices associated with HQPK implementation</li> <li>• Parent – Teacher Conferences</li> <li>• All Pre-Kindergarten teachers will attend a minimum of 30 hours of professional development during the 2017-2018 school year, including CLI training</li> </ul>
<p>Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make end of year survey available in multiple forms to collect feedback from families</li> <li>• Keep record of family participations/attendance in school events</li> <li>• Log communications with families</li> </ul>