

Itasca ISD
Family Engagement Plan

Texas Administrative Code 102.1003 defines family engagement as “The mutual responsibility of families, schools, and communities to build relationships to support student learning and achievement and to 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 supports the whole child and is both culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate.”

TEA has defined six family engagement categories that must be supported within the local family engagement plan. The following pages outline the six categories and the activities (strategies) Itasca ISD implements to support each category.

Facilitate family to family support

- ★ Activities building positive and productive relationships where families can learn from each other.
- ★ Provide a safe environment at the campus to promote family engagement, considering the different barriers that hinder family involvement.
- ★ Assist families in creating goals for their children and help in obtaining those goals.
 - Activities may include but are not limited to:
 - PK to Kinder transition
 - Classroom Parties
 - Field trips
 - Parent workshops/Parent nights
 - District Education Advisory Committee/Campus Improvement Committees

Establish a network of family resources

- ★ Collaborate with local agencies to create a transparent partnership between school, community and the home.
- ★ Inform families of various resources and outreach programs that promote learning and well being.
 - Activities may include but are not limited to:
 - Parent trainings with guest speakers
 - Special education Services
 - Community resources posted to website
 - ESL mobile book library

Increase family participation in decision making

- ★ Family participation will become a routine part of decision making through the facilitation of the DEAC and CIC committees.
- ★ Families will be given the opportunity to give input through campus surveys.

- Activities may include but are not limited to:
 - Surveys
 - Parent Volunteers
 - Booster Club Meetings

Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning

- ★ Continue to offer full day Pre K to eligible students, enhancing and extending socialization and facilitating parent involvement for Pre K parents.
- ★ Teachers will continue to send reports home regarding student achievement each six weeks.
- ★ Families will be provided with ideas and activities to do with their child to enhance learning.
 - Activities may include but not limited to:
 - Parent workshops
 - Field trips
 - Transition Meetings
 - Parent Conferences
 - ESL Mobile Library

Develop staff skills in evidence based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks

- ★ Educators will participate routinely in professional development opportunities on a regular basis.
 - Activities may include but not limited to:
 - ESC 12 Workshops
 - CLI Engage
 - Mentoring and coaching from Itasca ISD instructional team
 - Frog Street Press
 - Itasca ISD training

Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement

- ★ Family Engagement goals will be incorporated on each campus.
- ★ Programs will be evaluated annually for continuous improvement.
 - Activities may include but not limited to:
 - Parent Conferences
 - Family Surveys
 - Comprehensive Needs Assessments
 - Parent input on activities/needs
 - Sign in sheets at events