



# HIGH QUALITY PRE-KINDERGARTEN FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

In adherence with the Texas Education Agency's House Bill 3 (HB3)  
Components of a High Quality Prekindergarten Program (HQPK)



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# INTRODUCTION: FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN SAISD

The SAISD Early Childhood and Head Start Department's High Quality Pre-K Family Engagement Plan component aims to achieve and maintain high levels of family involvement and positive family partnership between home and school. Our effective family engagement plan creates a foundation for the collaboration of mutual partners, embraces the individuality of unique families, and promotes a culture of learning that is child centered, age appropriate, and family driven.

The SAISD Early Childhood and Head Start Department believes that family engagement during the first years of life can support a preschool child's readiness for school and ongoing academic and lifelong success.



*When families are engaged in learning at home and school,  
children do better and schools get better.*

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & HEAD START DEPARTMENT: MISSION AND VISION



## Mission

To prepare our youngest students for school readiness and lifelong success, and engage, and empower families to support their scholar's academic trajectory.

## Vision

To make San Antonio Independent School District, the District of choice for Early Childhood Education programming.

# COMPONENT 1:

## FACILITATING FAMILY TO FAMILY SUPPORT



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### SAISD ACTIONS

The SAISD Prekindergarten (PK) program and campus staff create a safe and welcoming environment where families can network and learn from each other. Opportunities are created for parents to participate in educational opportunities designed for families, while growing school/community support systems.

#### **Opportunities for parents/guardians to engage in facilitating family to family support include:**

- School and classroom volunteering
- School Open House designed to be family-friendly, culturally relevant, and welcoming
- Meet the Teacher events which facilitate family-to-family interactions and networking
- Math/Science and Family Literacy events which facilitate school-to-home learning opportunities
- Principal Coffees which foster positive home/school relationships
- Parent Teachers Association (PTA) meetings
- FACE (Family and Community Engagement) Program
- Dual Language Parent Advisory Council
- Siempre Bilingüe Summit Parent Sessions
- [SAISD Systems of Care](#)
- [ECE Department Parent & Family Connections SMORE Newsletter](#)
- Early Childhood Parent Learning Community (PLC) In-person and virtual educational trainings and workshop
- Puentes al Futuro, Head Start Parent Engagement Course Led by our ECE Parent Facilitator
- [City of San Antonio Head Start Partnership](#)
- [Head Start Parent Handbook](#)
- Monthly Head Start Parent Connection Committee Meetings (PCC) Campus level leadership
- Head Start Parent Leadership opportunities to represent the program and voice of their peers on the Head Start Policy Council (City Level leadership)
- Onsite Head Start Family Support Worker (FSW) dedicated to every family

# COMPONENT 2: ESTABLISHING A NETWORK OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES



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## SAISD ACTIONS

The SAISD Early Childhood Education and Head Start Department builds strategic partnerships of human service, non-profit, and other community-based agencies to provide support specifically tailored to the wide array of needs that Head Start and Pre-K families encounter to include physical, mental health and essential family needs and services.

### ECE Partners with the following organizations to create and establish a network of community resources:

- The [SAISD ECE Parent Learning Community \(PLC\)](#) provides parents with opportunities to learn and network with various organizations who provide services
- The City of San Antonio Wellness Team provides the [Triple P](#) (Positive Parenting Program)
- The San Antonio Public Library offers parent and student play and learn sessions. The library also sets up reading tents for families outside our Early Childhood Facilities
- The Family Service Association, Scholastic Read & Rise, and F.A.S.T. Programs provides our families with a family literacy program and an evidence based family engagement program
- The Assistance League of San Antonio provides our students with clothing all year
- The San Antonio Food Bank conducts food distribution events on our SAISD campuses
- VIA Transportation provides our families with bus passes
- The Texas Diaper Bank provide diapers, wipes, and other hygiene items to families in need and provides parent education classes for our families
- Haven for Hope houses our families that are unhoused
- Communities in Schools: Parent and Child Emotional Wellness provides clinical counseling and supportive guidance to Head Start students and families
- Family Service Association Early Childhood Wellbeing provide mental health services to students and families upon referral
- Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHAT) provides clinical counseling services to students and families
- Childsafe provides parent trainings in child abuse awareness, prevention and staff training
- SAPD Handle with Care collaborates with the San Antonio Police Department to notify SAISD staff of students who have been exposed to domestic violence
- Child Protective Service collaborate with our district to train parents on child abuse prevention

# COMPONENT 3: INCREASING FAMILY PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING



## SAISD ACTIONS

The SAISD Early Childhood and Head Start Department and SAISD campuses, provide district and campus based leadership opportunities for families that allow them to thrive as their child's first teacher and advocate.

**Pre-Kindergarten families can participate in the following decision making opportunities:**

- [SAISD District Parent Advisory Council \(DPAC\)](#)
- [SAISD Special Education Parent Advisory Council](#)
- [Dual Language Parent Advisory Council](#)
- [District School Health Advisory Council \(SHAC\)](#)
- Head Start Parent Connection Committee
- [Head Start Policy Council](#)
- Parent Teacher Association / Organization
- Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) Parent Participation
- Fall and Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences ([form](#)) and Fall and Spring Home Visits ([form](#)). These meetings encourage parent feedback, questions, and ideas regarding future learning experiences.



# COMPONENT 4:

## EQUIPPING FAMILIES WITH TOOLS TO ENHANCE AND EXTEND LEARNING



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### SAISD ACTIONS

The Early Childhood and Head Start Department, teachers, and campus staff, provide Prekindergarten families with activities and opportunities for at home learning that align with with our core curriculum, assessment, and Texas PreKindergarten Guidelines.

**Families are equipped with the the following tools to enhance and extend learning:**

- [SAISD Parent's Guide to Academic Success](#): Parent Curriculum Guide ([Spanish](#))
- [Early Childhood Parent Learning Community \(PLC\)](#) parent trainings and workshops
- [SAISD Early Childhood Summer Parent Classes](#)
- [Early Childhood Parent Classes for Diapering and Toilet Training](#)
- Distribution of [Scholastic School Readiness Kits](#)
- Distribution of [School Speciality School Readiness Backpacks](#)
- Early Childhood Health and Community Resource Fairs
- Communities in Schools - Parent and Family Emotional Wellness (PACE) Team PD and Family Wellness Trainings [Head Start]
- [Ready Rosie Family Engagement Tools](#) [Head Start]
- Emergency Preparedness Parent Workshops [Head Start]
- Head Start Goal Setting Process
- Full-Day Head Start and Pre-K programs
- Transition to Pre-K End of the Year Video for Parents
- [Education Service Center, Region 20 Family Engagement Program](#)



# COMPONENT 5: DEVELOPING STAFF SKILLS IN EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES THAT SUPPORT FAMILIES



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## SAISD ACTIONS

The Early Childhood and Head Start Department provide ongoing staff development for administrators, district specialists, campus based instructional coaches, teachers, and instructional assistants. Staff are trained during various times of the year to include leadership summits, new teacher orientation, curriculum day, EPIC Saturdays, PD in PJs, and campus based PLCs.

**Early Childhood Staff (including District and Campus staff) attend trainings including, but not limited to:**

- CIRCLE Assessment and Reporting: How to Access and Print the Student Report for Parents English/Spanish
- Accessing and Using the CLI Engage CIRCLE Family Activity Collection
- [Scholastic PreK On My Way Family Exchange](#)
- Best Practices in Early Childhood Toileting Training and Toilet Tips for Parents ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))
- [Digital Learning Playground for At Home Virtual Lessons](#)
- Ready Rosie Overview [Head Start]
- I am Moving, I am Learning Physical & Nutrition Initiative [Head Start]
- Cavity Free Kids Oral Health Education [Head Start]
- Educating families regarding their rights under State and Federal Law regarding the Individual with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act

# COMPONENT 6: EVALUATING FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS AND USE EVALUATIONS FOR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT



## SAISD ACTIONS

The Early Childhood and Head Start Department utilizes ongoing campus/district needs assessment cycles to improve the quality of instruction, climate, and family engagement. Our programs create processes for needs assessment, program development, and continuous improvement.

The Early Childhood Department and Head Start Department and campus staff solicit feedback and suggestions from families through:

- [SAISD District Family and Community Engagement Survey](#)
- [City of San Antonio Head Start Survey](#)
- Early Childhood Parent Learning Community (PLC)
- Head Start program Parent, Family & Community Engagement (PFCE) Child & Family Outcomes and Program Information
- Ready Rosie Enrollment, Participation, and Feedback Survey
- Principal Coffees





LEARNING & COMPLIANCE SUPPORT SERVICES

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