

Family Engagement Plan 2018-2019

Whitney Elementary

Family engagement is the mutual responsibility of families, school, and communities which builds relationships to support student learning and achievement and to support family well-being, family-student relationships, and ongoing learning and development of children, families, and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated in the child’s educational experience and supports the whole child.

Goal	Activity/Strategy	Person(s) Responsible
<i>Facilitate family to family support</i>	<p><i>WES will support campus-family relationships by providing parents/guardians with opportunities to participate in district and campus initiatives such as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTO Program • District and Campus Site Base Committees • Remind, Class Dojo, and SeeSaw apps • District and Campus Website • Classroom and Campus Newsletters and Calendars • Parent Engagement wall with calendar, program information, and volunteer opportunities • Pre-k orientation and Meet the Teacher event • Family Engagement Nights- 6 evenings throughout the year focused on literacy, math, and social/emotional development • Newsletters and calendar of events translated in Spanish 	<p>Principal</p> <p>Teachers</p> <p>PTO</p> <p>Spanish Translator</p>
<i>Establish a network of community resources</i>	<p><i>WES will develop partnerships with community organizations and establish resources that provide services to the students.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitney Ministerial Alliance • Salvation Army backpack program • Drug Awareness Week/Decorating Classroom Door Contest • November Food Drive • Whitney Food Bank • Volunteer Program • Watch D.O.G.S. Program 	<p>Principal</p> <p>Counselor</p> <p>Community Members</p> <p>Teachers and Staff</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday After school program at 1st Baptist Church of Whitney • Coats 4 Kids program • ACE Grant for afterschool program 	
<i>Increase family participation in decision making</i>	<p><i>WES encourages and provides opportunities for family participation in decision making. Their contributions are crucial to a well-rounded plan that will facilitate support for all stakeholders and have a positive impact on student achievement.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District and Campus Site Base Committees • Student Health and Advisory Committee (SHAC) • Family surveys • Fall and Spring parent teacher conferences • Fall and Spring Title I meeting and parent engagement • Parent Engagement meeting in the spring to review and develop the Parent/Student/Teacher Compact 	<p>District and campus administrators</p> <p>Teachers</p> <p>Parent and Community volunteers</p>
<i>Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning</i>	<p><i>WES will equip families with learning opportunities and materials to enhance and extend learning.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Engagement Nights- 6 evenings throughout the year focused on literacy, math, and social/emotional development • Pre-k orientation and Meet the Teacher event • Online programs and app list to extend learning at home • Imagine Learning program for ESL students • Online resources and newsletters with information to support class curriculum at home • 2nd Step program provides resources for social and emotional development • Counselor and nurse monthly newsletter articles to communicate ways to meet student needs and provide information about services available 	<p>Principal</p> <p>Counselor</p> <p>Teachers</p> <p>School Nurse</p>
<i>Provide ongoing professional development opportunities for educators on culturally responsive, evidence-based strategies that support the education of the child</i>	<p><i>WES will provide essential professional development for educators to develop skills in communication, and evidence-based strategies to have a positive impact on student achievement.</i></p>	<p>Principal</p> <p>Teachers</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend workshops specific to family engagement and early childhood education at Region 12 • Assign workshops specific to family engagement and early childhood through Eduhero online professional development database 	
<p><i>Evaluate family engagement efforts and us evaluations for continuous improvement</i></p>	<p><i>WES will use student achievement, survey, and attendance data to ensure alignment between family engagement activities and student achievement goals. WES will promote continuous family engagement.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall and Spring parent/teacher conferences • Aims Webb Plus, Star Early Literacy, Star assessments in fall, winter, and spring • Parent surveys 	<p>Principal</p> <p>Teachers</p> <p>Family members</p>