



Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan

Runge ISD is dedicated to fostering high levels of family involvement and cultivating positive family attitudes toward education. Our Family Engagement Plan, available on the district website, serves as a cornerstone for collaborative partnerships, promoting a child-centered, age-appropriate, and family-driven culture of learning.

Key Objectives

Facilitate Family-to-Family Support:

- **Meet and Greet" Session:** Teachers host informal "Meet and Greet" in conjunction with Save the Children allowing parents to connect.
- **Daily Communication:** Teachers share daily updates directly with parents through a user-friendly phone app and take-home folders.
- **Online Information Hub:** Utilizing district websites, campus administration and teachers ensure easy access to important information for families.
- **Engaging Events:** Campus administration, teachers, and ACE afterschool programs organize and host monthly family and community events.

Establish a Network of Community Resources:

- **Community Collaboration:** The school collaborates with community organizations such as the Runge Chamber of Commerce, Marathon Oil, Circle of Angels, and area churches to provide essential services.
- **Liaison/Nurse/Counselor Support:** A dedicated team facilitates access to necessary community resources for families.
- **Health Education:** The school nurse provides valuable information to families, including vaccination and lice prevention education.
- **Enrichment Opportunities:** Teachers and school personnel offer enrichment opportunities in partnership with organizations like the Chamber of Commerce and Marathon Oil.

Increase Family Participation in Decision Making:

- **Parent-Teacher Organization Involvement:** Prekindergarten families are actively included in the Parent Teacher Organization.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Families are encouraged to volunteer, fostering a sense of community and shared responsibility.
- **Parental Insights:** The campus provides a questionnaire, allowing teachers to understand children from their parents' perspective and initiate support services as needed.

Equip Families with Tools for Learning:

- **Conference Instruction:** Teachers provide families with practical tips for authentic learning during conferences.

- Evening Learning Events: Teachers host evening learning events, providing free books to families to kickstart home libraries and promote literacy.

Develop Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Practices:

- Positive Behavior Support: Teachers use positive behavior support strategies to create an optimal learning environment.
- Ongoing Professional Learning: Teachers engage in ongoing professional learning sessions, focusing on language development skills and cultural responsiveness.

Evaluate and Improve Family Engagement:

- Inclusive Decision-Making: Parent/guardian representatives are integral members of school site-based decision-making committees.
- Monitoring and Feedback: Sign-in sheets are used to monitor family attendance at events, ensuring effective communication.
- Annual Check-In: School personnel actively engage with families during the annual comprehensive needs assessment and the drafting of the annual campus improvement plan.