Colorado Elementary Pre-K Family Engagement Plan

2016-2017

Colorado ISD in accordance with HB 4 Grant guidelines, will create a partnership between families, school and community for the successful transition into kindergarten.

HB 4 Definitions of Family and Family Engagement

Family:
Family includes adult and children significant in the child’s life who support the early learning and development of the child.

Family Engagement:
Family engagement is the mutual responsibility of families, school, and communities to build relationships to support 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.
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Six Components

1. Facilitate Family-to-Family Support

Evidence of Prekindergarten Department HB 4
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Prekindergarten teachers and teacher assistants will provide parents with opportunities participate in district and campus initiatives such as:

- Registration in August
- DADS Day at School
- Class Holiday Parties
- Fieldtrips
- Lunch with Families
- Fall Festival
- Open House
- Music Programs
- Breakfast with Mom
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2. Establish a network of community resources.

Colorado ISD will partnership with community organizations to create a network of resources that will directly benefit Prekindergarten families. Some resources are:

- Helping Hands Wolf Den and Backpack Program
- Free Dental Screenings
- Salvation Army
- Ministerial Alliance
- Community Mission
- Civic Organizations
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3. Increase family participation in decision-making.

Prekindergarten families will be invited to participate and serve on:

- Campus Site Based Decision Making Committee
- District Level Advisory Committee
- Health and Wellness Committee
- PTO
- Community and Family Engagement Survey
- Book Fair Parent Volunteers
- Field Trip Volunteers
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Parent Surveys
4. Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning to increase student achievement.

Prekindergarten families will be encouraged to attend learning opportunities to enhance and extend learning by providing parents with home activities that are age and developmentally appropriate to help prepare families for kindergarten by, but not limited to:

- Collaborate with families to respond to children’s behavior in a positive and supportive way.
- Remind App for communicating with parents.
- Parent Conferences
- Skyward parent notification
- Ident-A-Kid System
- Transition meetings with Kindergarten Teachers
- Provide take home learning activities for families to complete together.
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5. Provide ongoing professional development opportunities for educators that support families in meeting their children’s learning benchmarks.

The prekindergarten team will participate in professional development activities focused on prekindergarten students, curriculum, and social-emotional needs.

- Workshops hosted by Region 14 ESC
- Conscious Discipline
- CIRCLE Training
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6. Evaluate family engagement efforts and use results of the evaluations for continuous improvement.

Prekindergarten parents/families will be encouraged to provide input in regard to family engagement opportunities and campus activities using input tools.

- Parent Surveys to provide information in planning, developing and implementing prekindergarten activities for the district.
- Parent conferences to identify strengths, weaknesses and needs.
- Campus Improvement Plan
- Staff End of Year Surveys
Reporting

- TSDS-Progress Monitoring Instruments: CLI for Pre-K and TPRI for Kindergarten
- Parent Conferences to discuss progress monitoring of student results