

## Pewitt CISD Family Engagement Plan

Pewitt Consolidated Independent School District (PCISD) believes that family engagement is 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.

Components	PCISD’s Strategic Plan
<b>Facilitate family-to-family support</b>	<p>PCISD will provide opportunities for parents to participate in district and campus initiative to support family relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Parent Workshop</li> <li>• Evening hands-on activities</li> <li>• Pewitt Reads</li> <li>• Provide information about the existing parent to parent organizations, family peer networks and/or parent –initiated school community efforts in order to continue to be leaders/advocates in the community and in their children’s campus.</li> </ul>
<b>Establish a network of community resources</b>	<p>Pewitt CISD in partnership with Community in Schools and Community-Based organizations will establish resources that provide services to the students, in an effort to equip parents and caregivers in the developmental growth of their child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pewitt CISD Family Engagement Resource Guide</li> </ul>
<b>Increase family participation in decision making</b>	<p>PCISD encourages family participation in decision making. Their contributions are crucial to a well-rounded and well thought out plan that will facilitate support for all stakeholders and impact positive student achievement. Parents will be invited to participate and serve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus and District wide Site-Based Decision Making Committees</li> <li>• Survey feedback on needs, effectiveness of provided activities and concerns</li> </ul>
<b>Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning</b>	<p>PCISD will equip families with learning opportunities to enhance and extend learning by providing parents with at home activities that are age and developmentally appropriate such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ready Rosie—video modeling for parents in English and Spanish that teach everyday interactions in familiar environments for parents.</li> <li>• Make and Take Sessions</li> <li>• Activity Back Pack</li> <li>• Individual Parent Conferences</li> </ul>
<b>Provide ongoing professional development opportunities for educators on culturally responsive, evidence-based strategies that support the education of the child</b>	<p>PCISD will increase awareness of the value and impact of parental contributions to school, parental involvement program and ESSA requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Region 8 trainings</li> <li>• Develop effective communication strategies</li> <li>• Develop staff skills to support and use culturally diverse, culturally relevant and responsive family engagement strategies</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement</b>	<p>Trainings, workshops, meetings, and parental involvement activities are followed with an evaluation which provides parents the opportunity to express their views on the value of the activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use parent input to provide valuable information in the planning development and implementation of programs for the district</li> <li>• Compile evaluation data and use it to plan and implement a more effective Family Engagement Plan</li> </ul>