

# DeKalb ISD Family Engagement Plan

Component	DISD Strategic Plan
<p><b>Family-to-Family Support</b></p>	<p>DISD will include Parental Involvement activities to form campus-family relationships, and provide parents with opportunities to participate in district and campus initiatives, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Report Card, Library/Family Night</li> <li>● PK Parental Involvement Newsletters (curriculum)</li> <li>● Parental Involvement Newsletter (Reg 16)</li> <li>● Parent Conferences (with teacher, counselor and/or administrator)</li> <li>● Grade level communication with parents for weekly homework using color coded folders (K-4)</li> <li>● Parent Volunteer Opportunities</li> <li>● Parent Involvement meetings regarding school to home educational resources and activities to support student learning in the home</li> <li>● ARTS for the Community (art shows, theatrical performances...)</li> <li>● Meet the Bears / Mornings with the Bears (Elementary)</li> <li>● Community Art Shows</li> </ul>
<p><b>Establish a Network of Community Resources</b></p>	<p>DISD in partnership with community organizations will establish resources that provide services to the students, in an effort to equip parents and caregivers with skills needed to have a healthy and productive family. Some resources are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Texas Health and Human Services</li> <li>● Region 8 Education Service Center</li> <li>● State Health &amp; Human Resources</li> <li>● Public Health Department</li> <li>● Parent Resources - DISD Website</li> <li>● Teacher Websites</li> <li>● Projects and Interactive Activities - Parent Participation</li> <li>● DeKalb Youth Sports Association</li> <li>● Spirit of St. Michael</li> <li>● Community Facility Committee</li> <li>● Texarkana College</li> <li>● Nick's Mission Backpack Program</li> <li>● Community Health Fair</li> </ul>

<p><b>Increase Family Participation in Decision Making</b></p>	<p>DISD encourages family participation in decision making, realizing that 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 in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Campus and District Site-Based Decision Making Committees</li> <li>● Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC)</li> <li>● Regularly scheduled campus-level parent meetings</li> <li>● Invite family feedback and suggestions with regard to activities being provided</li> </ul>
<p><b>Equip Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning</b></p>	<p>DISD will equip families with learning opportunities to enhance and extend learning by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Monthly newsletters offering ideas for motivation, discipline, ideas for enhancing learning, etc. (Reg 16)</li> <li>● Campus Literacy Events - Book Fairs</li> </ul>
<p><b>Develop Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Practices that Support Families in Meeting their Children's Learning Benchmarks</b></p>	<p>DISD's goal is to offer staff development to support teachers in helping families so that their children reach learning benchmarks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staff development through Region 8 Education Service Center</li> <li>● Individual parent/teacher conferences to discuss learning goals and progress toward meeting those goals using the language of the home</li> <li>● TPRI parent information meetings</li> </ul>
<p><b>Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and use Evaluations for Continuous Improvement</b></p>	<p>Trainings, workshops, meetings and parental involvement activities are followed with an evaluation which provide 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 through Site-Based and District of Innovation committee meetings</li> <li>● Compile evaluation data from parent surveys and use it to plan and implement a more effective Parental Involvement Program</li> </ul>