



# McGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **HB4 High-Quality Pre-Kindergarten Program Family Engagement Plan**

McGregor Primary understands the essential role of families, communities, and schools in the development and success of all students. Our Family Engagement Plan, while specific to House Bill 4 for the pre-k students, serves as a springboard for young children as they enter school and lays the foundation of a lasting community, school, and family partnership.

### **Definitions of Family and Family Engagement Plan**

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) defines family as “adults responsible for the child’s care and children in the child’s life who support the early learning and development of the child.” TEA also defines family engagement as, “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.” The McGregor Primary family engagement plan incorporates the components and strategies used to provide increased opportunities for family engagement in the early years of a child’s school career.

### **Pre-Kindergarten Family Engagement Plan**

**Facilitate Family-to-Family Support** – MPS will provide family members with opportunities to participate in campus and district initiatives. These opportunities include:

- volunteering
- campus-wide family engagement nights (family nights/parent–teacher collaborative nights)
- campus parent-child pre-kindergarten introduction events (Pre-K/Kindergarten Roundup)
- Parent-Teacher conferences scheduled annually to monitor and discuss student progress

**Establish a Network of Community Resources:** MPS will strengthen the network of community resources available to families of pre-kindergarten students and work to make sure families are aware of these resources.

- Packs of Hope program
- Starry Counseling Center
- HOPES Program
- Free Dental & Vision Clinics
- Peer-Assisted Leadership Program
- Programs for students who are homeless
- Food Pantry Access

**Increase Family Participation in Decision-Making:** MPS will invite families to evaluate pre-kindergarten family engagement events and programs. These opportunities include the following:

- Parent Conferences with an emphasis on collaborating with families to solve problems
- Campus SBDM committees
- Title I Parent Involvement Surveys
- HB4 Survey

**Equip families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning:** MPS will use strategies to help families create positive, meaningful, and fun learning opportunities at home. These strategies will include the following:

- CLI Parent Access to academic content
- Handouts with tablet/phone apps and online sites with pre-k/kinder academic content
- Summer English as a Second Language School for all qualified students
- Information about Summer Library Programs

**Develop Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Practices that Support Families in Meeting their Children's Learning Benchmarks:** MPS will provide professional development to all staff working with pre-kindergarten families in order to ensure that they understand the importance of family engagement in a students' learning. These offerings will include the following:

- District Staff Development Days, August Staff Development Week
- Online Early Childhood Education Professional Development Hours
- Pre-K Early Childhood Conference
- Meetings with campus administrator regarding pre-kindergarten

**Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Use Evaluations for Continuous Improvement:** MPS will encourage families to provide feedback to district leaders. These avenues for feedback will include the following:

- District and campus Parent Involvement Surveys
- Campus Event Evaluations
- HB4 Parent Survey

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