

Pre-K Family Engagement Plan

Family-to-family support: Joaquin Elementary will facilitate family-to-family support using strategies like purchasing ReadyRosie (\$2,500): ReadyRosie is an early education tool that helps schools and communities deepen and scale their parent engagement efforts by leveraging the power of video modeling and mobile technology to meet and equip parents where they are. Parents and caregivers receive daily texts, emails, or app notifications in English and Spanish. Everyday activities are modeled in brief videos by real families. Parents and caregivers are equipped to have more meaningful interactions and turn everyday situations into learning opportunities.

Community resources: We will work to establish a broader network of community resources. We have a very active partnership with our local Christian Services and area churches who provide supplies, clothing, and family resources. We also have a food backpack program here on the campus where we send home backpacks with food items for weekends. Our elementary counselor works with families to find the mental health support that families need.

Family participation: We will work to increase family participation in decision making. We include parents on the campus and district committees. We have an annual Federal Programs meeting to evaluate and establish our parent/student/teacher compact. We have PAC and ESL meetings for two-way communication. We have a back-to-school Parent Night where the Pre-K teacher shares yearly goals and expectations. Families come, and they plan their yearly activities. The Pre-K teacher communicates daily with parents through a two-way communication folder. We will work on providing a survey to gather feedback.

Family resources: We will equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning, and we will provide families with information on creating a home learning environment. Our counselor will collaborate with families to appropriately respond to children's behavior in a non-punitive, positive, and supportive way.

Staff Skills: Our Pre-K staff will develop skills in evidence-based practices. We will strive to attend trainings on communicating with families in crisis and culturally diverse, relevant, and responsive family engagement strategies.

Evaluation: Joaquin Elementary Pre-K will evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement. We will develop a survey to evaluate our process. This information will be used as a component that helps guide our actions.

The family engagement plan is made available on the district website.