

Ambassadors Preparatory Academy

Family Engagement Plan to Achieve and Maintain High Levels of Family Involvement

Family-to-Family Support

In order to facilitate family-to-family support, Ambassadors Preparatory Academy currently implements the following strategies:

- Monetary donations from parents to support children who cannot pay for field trips
- Clothing and food drives from parents for parents who have been through hardships
- Fundraisers ran by parents to support other families and students
- We also have a Parent Liaison as a contact for parents

Network of Community Resources

In order to establish a network of community resources, Ambassadors Preparatory Academy currently implements the following strategies:

- We are in contact with SMART Literacy's Liz Turner
- Rosenberg Library's Children's Department via Karen Stanley
- Backpack Buddy Program
- Galveston's Grand 1894 Opera House via Sarah Piel

Family Participation Strategies

In order to increase family participation in decision making, Ambassadors Preparatory Academy currently implements the following strategies:

- We create and distribute parent surveys
- We have a Parent Committee
- Regular PTO Meetings

Extension of Learning

In order to equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning, Ambassadors Preparatory Academy currently implements the following strategies:

- Academic Nights
- Supply at-home reading logs
- Supply parent tips and tricks sent during the year
- REMIND app for constant reminders and updates
- Literacy Night through SMART Family Literacy
- Send home a "Peek of the Week" every week
- Web pages for every teacher

- At-home projects students complete with families
- Request parents to assist with homework

Professional Development

In order to provide ongoing professional development opportunities for educators on culturally responsive, evidence-based strategies that support the education of the child Ambassadors Preparatory Academy will use:

- Free web-based trainings through edweb.net
- Trainings offered through Region 4
- Once a month, teachers and staff meet to review and discuss school-related topics
- Once a month, teachers and staff meet to plan as a grade-level

Evaluation

In order to evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement, Ambassadors Preparatory Academy currently implements the following strategies:

- Parent meeting logs kept to see how many parents attended
- Parent meeting agendas kept to distribute to those who could not attend
- Parent contact logs kept for each teacher
- We contact parents of those who we do not hear from and ask for one-on-one meetings, especially if there are concerns
- We have implemented incentives for parents to attend parent meetings (monetary, gift baskets, movie passes, etc.), and have record percentages of parent forms returned