

Odyssey Academy Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan

Odyssey academy values the partnership between teachers, families, community and the students we serve. To encourage and enhance collaboration, Texas Education Agency requires each district and open-enrollment charter school to develop a Family Engagement Plan.

Family Engagement as defined by TEA is the mutual responsibility of families, schools, and communities is to build relationships that support student learning and achievement, family well-being, and the continuous learning and development of children, families, and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated into the child’s educational experience, supports the whole child, and is both culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate.

The six family engagement categories and supporting strategies within Odyssey’s family engagement plan are outlined in the document below.

Goal/Objective	Strategy
Create a safe and respectful school environment which facilitates family-to-family support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher Organization • Prekindergarten Round Up • Measureable Results Assessment (MRA) • Campus Needs Assessment • Interpreters for school meetings • Welcome Center for parents/families • Back to School Event • Thanksgiving Luncheon • Winter Luncheon • PreK Family Nights (Smart Family Literacy) • Leader in Me
Establish a network of community resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backpack Buddies • The Houston Food Bank Pantry • Family Service Center • Junior League • Smart Family Literacy • Assistance League • Galveston Children’s Museum
Increase family participation in decision-making.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measureable Results Assessment (MRA) • Campus Needs Assessment • Parent/Student/Teacher Surveys • LPAC and ARD Meetings • Leader in Me • Parent Teacher Organization participation • Parent Satisfaction Survey • Campus Weekly Communication • Student Led Parent Conferences
Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Day Prekindergarten • Children’s Learning Institute (Family Activities) • CIRCLE Progress Monitoring Results • Smart Family Literacy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galveston Children’s Museum • Student Led Conferences • Scholastic Book Fair • Itslearning (LMS) Curriculum and Resources • Parent Portal (Grades) • Leader in Me • Campus Literacy and STEAM Nights • Campus Based After School Programs and Tutorials • Parent Communication in English and Spanish • District automated phone calls regarding district/campus events • College and Career Awareness • Online personalized learning programs
<p>Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children’s learning benchmarks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Learning Institute • CLI Engage • CIRCLE training for all prekindergarten teachers and teaching assistants • Counseling and Guidance Support • District-created Professional Development • Weekly meetings for staff collaboration
<p>Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Parent Survey and Feedback • Student Performance Data • MRA data • Campus Needs Assessment • Campus Improvement Plan