

Olney Elementary PreK Family Engagement Plan

Olney ISD strives to provide a high-quality PreK program that is developmentally appropriate, multi-sensory, and experiential. We believe that young children thrive when provided a learning environment that inspires curiosity, builds confidence, and fosters a love of learning. At Olney Elementary, **family engagement** is crucial in helping us meet these goals! It is our desire that each family feels welcome, respected, and needed as part of the PreK team. We want families to ask questions, offer solutions, and partner with us to provide a great school experience for **our children**. Families are encouraged to be involved in their children's learning, and this plan offers ideas on how to do just that. For questions, please contact Mrs. Mankins at hmankins@olneyisd.net or 940-564-5608.

❖ Family-to-Family Support

- PreK Roundup/Registration
- Meet-the-Teacher (August)
- Back-to-School Night
- State of the School Address (by Principal in August)
- Elementary Open House
- Family/Teacher Conferences
- Classroom Volunteering
- Campus PTO Involvement
- VIP Family Events
- Field Trips, Book Fairs, Class Parties, PTO Events, Elementary Track Meet



...a fun place to
play and learn!

❖ Network of Community Resources

- Olney EL Administration/Campus Counselor/District Social Worker
- Faith-Based Resources – Ministerial Alliance
- Family Support Services/Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
- The Refuge
- Help with Immunizations
- Help with School Supplies
- Weekend Food Packs, Summer Food Programs
- Child Find
- Rolling Plains Management Corp. (Early Head Start/Head Start/Daycare)

❖ Family Participation in Decision-Making Opportunities

- District and Campus Level Committees/Meetings
- SST, IEP, 504, RtI, LPAC, SHAC Committee Meetings
- District Family Engagement Survey
- Feedback after Family Engagement Workshops and Events
- Pre-K Curriculum Feedback

❖ Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning

- A Parent's Guide to Prekindergarten (1st Link Below)
- Registering families for CLI Engage Resources (2nd Link Below)
- Parent-Teacher-Student Compact
- Student Communication Take-Home Folders
- Individual Notes/Calls Home/Email
- Parent Portal
- English/Spanish Home Correspondence

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- System Translator Available for Assistance with Oral Communication
 - Fall and Spring Learning Conferences – Pre-K Assessment Folders
 - Mid-Wave Progress Reports
 - CIRCLE Assessment Parent Reports (after Waves 1, 2 and 3)
 - School Handbook/Code of Conduct
 - District/Campus/Classroom Websites
 - School Marquee, Olney Enterprise
 - Campus Library Resources, Summer Library Resources/Activities
 - Adult Education Classes (Region 9 ESC)
- ❖ **PreK Staff Professional Development/Training in Evidence-Based Practices That Support Families in Meeting Their Children’s Learning Benchmarks**
- PreK Guidelines
 - Frog Street Curriculum, ST Math Curriculum
 - CIRCLE Assessment
 - Data-Driven Decision Making
 - Response to Intervention (RtI)
 - Horizontal and Vertical Alignment
 - Differentiating Instruction (for multilingual learners, students with disabilities, and exceptional learners)
 - Instructional Coaching and Mentoring
 - OISD Required PD Days
- ❖ **Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Use Results for Continuous Improvement**
- Early Childhood Program Self-Assessment (Completed Yearly)
 - Identify Strengths and Opportunities to Grow (Yearly)
 - Develop a Continuous Improvement Plan (Yearly)
 - Feedback from Family Surveys (Yearly)
 - Revise/Review PreK Family Engagement Plan (Yearly)



At **Olney Elementary** we want all of our PreK students, their families, and our staff to experience victory! One way to make this happen is to promote respectful and trustworthy **collaboration** between school and home. This plan offers numerous ways for us to come together for the sake of our children. By building solid relationships, supporting family well-being, and promoting the continuous learning and development of children, we can work together to make our PreK program the best it can be.

Helpful Resources

https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/PreK_4_Family_Guide.pdf

<https://public.cliengage.org/tools/materials/cac-family/>

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/early-childhood-education/high-quality-prekindergarten>

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<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/early-childhood-education/family-resources>

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/early-childhood-education/early-childhood-education-faqs>