

#### Crosby Kindergarten Center School Parent and Family Engagement Plan PreK & K ESSA Section 1116 2021-2022

Crosby Kindergarten Center believes that parents, teachers, and community leaders are a vital part of the educational success of all students. We will work collaboratively across the campus, focusing on the needs of our students providing an effective academic program that allows each student to achieve their maximum potential. We are committed to encouraging families to support the learning and development of children by providing families educational opportunities and resources. Some restrictions are placed on gatherings based on Covid protocol. An effort will be made to provide a virtual or socially distanced alternative when possible.

We have established a Family Engagement Plan to increase the collaboration between all stakeholders. We believe the active participation of parents, teachers, business and community leaders in the students' education is a beneficial element that Crosby Kindergarten Center welcomes and respects.

#### 1. Facilitate Family-to-Family-Support

Crosby Kindergarten Center will provide a safe, respectful and nurturing environment where families learn from each other and ensure opportunities for continuous participation in school -wide events. Examples of events and support include:

- **❖** Meet the Teacher Night
- Open House
- ❖ Book Fair
- Site based Decision-Making Team
- **❖** Parent DRA Training
- **❖** Turkey Trot
- Bilingual Parent Nights
- Parent Conferences
- ❖ Parent Volunteer Opportunities including Watch D.O.G.S.
- Classroom Parties
- Musicals

## 2. Establishing a Network of Community Resources

Crosby Kindergarten Center Family Engagement Plan develops partnerships with community agencies and faith-based organizations to establish resources that provide services to students and parents. Some of the resources will be:

- ❖ Backpack Buddies with The Houston Food Bank
- ❖ Kids Hope working with Crosby United Methodist Church
- Region 4 Education Service Center
- ❖ Child Find-Early Identification of students with special needs
- **❖** Child Nutrition Information
- **❖** Immunization Information
- Lion's Club

- **❖** Toys for Tots
- Churches United in Caring
- **❖** Health & Attendance Guidelines
- **❖** Walmart and Hungry Jacks
- Clothe a Child
- ❖ St. Vincent De Paul

#### 3. Increasing Family Participation in Decision-Making

Crosby Kindergarten promotes family participation in decision-making. Their contributions are vital to a well-rounded and well thought out plan that will facilitate support for all stakeholders and impact positive student achievement. Parents will be invited to participate and serve in:

- **❖** Campus Site Based Decision Making Committee
- **❖** LPAC parent representation
- Campus visitation & volunteering
- **❖** Academic progress for students shared with parents

### 4. Equipping Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning

Crosby Kindergarten Center educators value the family involvement in the education of their child. For this reason, parents will be provided resources at family nights to enhance and extend learning. Examples of how Crosby Kindergarten Center equips families with tools to enhance and extend learning include:

- **❖** Teacher Conferences
- Resources like flash cards and tips and tricks to use at home

- ❖ Facebook Live with the Counselor
- ❖ Report Cards & Progress Reports available online through Parent Portal
- ❖ BOY, MOY and EOY Benchmarks
- ❖ Texas KEA Data
- Campus Webpage and apps
- Campus Facebook Page
- Campus Marquee
- **❖** Newsletters
- Emails through Skyward
- Book Fairs

## 5. Developing Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Practices that Support Families

Crosby Kindergarten Center recognizes the importance of ongoing improvement. We offer staff development to support teachers in helping families so that their children reach learning benchmarks.

- ❖ Newsletters to involve parents in the education of their children
- ❖ Individual parent/teacher conferences
- ❖ Provide teachers with training with research-based strategies
- Region 4 Trainings
- **♦** Harris County Department of Education Trainings
- **❖** Daily folders

# 6. Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Use for Continuous Improvement

At Crosby Kindergarten Center, self-assessment will be the foundation for overall process of evaluating program effectiveness, as well as supporting future improvements. These assessments will provide the data necessary to make adjustments to The Crosby Kindergarten Center Family Engagement Plan.

- ❖ Collection of all sign-in sheets for family engagement events including campus evening events and school parties
- ❖ Informal question and answer time after each family event.
- ❖ Use of parent input to include speakers or topics important to their families
- Survey of parents (at least annually) on the effectiveness of Crosby Kindergarten Center's engagement with their child and family

#### **Resources Available to Parents and Families**

#### **Developmental Reading Assessment Expected Levels of Performance**

	End of 1st 9-Weeks	End of 2nd 9-Weeks	End of 3rd 9-Weeks	End-of-Year
Kindergarten	1	2	3	4
1st-Grade	6	10	14	16*
2nd Grade	18	20	21	22*
3rd-Grade	22	23	24	25
4th-Grade	25	26	27	28
5th-Grade	28	29	29	30

(Following CDC guidelines and District and Campus Covid protocols many of the activities above have been done either remotely/virtually or have been suspended until the activity can be done safely)