**Newport Elementary School**

**Family Engagement Plan**

**1st-5th Grade**

Newport Elementary believes that all parents, teachers, and community leaders are a viable link in the educational success of all students. We are committed to empowering families to support the learning and development of children and by providing families educational opportunities and resources to ensure lifelong success.

We promote the involvement of these key stakeholders by having them take part in the process that allows them to contribute to our school community. Parents provide input regarding the services offered in an effort to maximize the quality of education for the 1st-5th grade students at Newport Elementary.

We have established a Family Engagement Plan to increase the collaboration between all stakeholders. The active participation of parents, teachers, business and community leaders in all aspects of students’ education is a valuable tool that Newport Elementary welcomes and respects.

1. Facilitate Family-to-Family-Support

Newport Elementary will provide a safe and respectful environment where families can learn from each other and ensure opportunities for continuous participation in events designed for families. Examples of events include:

* Open House
* Book Fair
* Site based Decision-Making Team
* Meet the Teacher Night
* Field Trips
* Parent Rigby Training
* PVO Meetings
* Bilingual Parent Nights
* Parent Conferences
* Movie Night
* Parent Volunteer Opportunities Classroom Parties
* Field Day
* Running Club

1. Establishing a Network of Community Resources

Newport Elementary 1st-5th grade Family Engagement Plan builds strategic partnership with community agencies and faith-based organizations will establish resources that provide services to the students in an effort to equip parents and provide translators and culturally relevant resources reflective of their home language. Some of the resources will be:

* Backpack Buddies with The Houston Food Bank
* Kids Hope working with Crosby First Baptist Church
* Harris County Department of Education
* Region 4 Education Service Center
* Child Find-Early Identification of students with special needs
* Child Nutrition Information
* Immunization Information
* Health & Attendance Guidelines
* Crosby Huffman Chamber of Commerce
* Bilingual staff on campus to help with translations
* Crosby Community Center
* Crosby Volunteer Fire Department
* Crosby Education Foundation

1. Increasing Family Participation in Decision-Making

Newport Elementary promotes family participation in decision-making. Their contributions are crucial 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
* PVO
* Campus Level Parent Meetings
* Campus visitation & volunteering
* Academic progress for students shared with parents
* Campus Surveys
  1. Equipping Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning

Newport Elementary educators recognize the families of our learners as the first and best teachers in the child’s life. In order to equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning. Examples of how Newport Elementary equips families with tools to enhance and extend learning include:

* Teacher Conferences
* Rigby Levels for 1st / 2nd on Report Cards
* Reading, Math, and Science Nights
* Report Cards & Progress Reports available online through Parent Portal
* BOY, MOY and EOY Benchmarks
* Moby Max & Ren. 360 Data
* Campus Webpage
* Campus Facebook Page
* Campus Marquee
* Newsletters
* Emails through Skyward
* Book Fairs

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

Newport Elementary believes in a continuous improvement philosophy. We offer staff development to support teachers in helping families so that they children reach learning benchmarks.

* Homework/Take-Home folder
* 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
* Capturing Kids Hearts Trainings
* Positive Behavior Intervention Support Training

1. Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Use for Continuous Improvement

At Newport Elementary, self-assessment will be a cornerstone to the overall process of evaluating program effectiveness, as well as supporting future improvements. These assessments will support fluidity within the family engagement plan to ensure adjustments are made to optimize family involvement within the school and community.

* Collection of all sign-in sheets for family engagement events including campus evening events and school parties
* Use of parent input to include speakers or topics important to their families
* Survey of parents (at least annually) on the effectiveness of Newport Elementary’s engagement with their child and family
* Review of policy by site based committee and PVO (Parent Volunteer Organization)

**Resources Available to Parents and Families**

**STAAR Resources**

<https://tea.texas.gov/Student_Testing_and_Accountability/Testing/State_of_Texas_Assessments_of_Academic_Readiness>

**Moby Max Log-In Information**

<https://www.mobymax.com/signin>   (School: Barrett Elementary)

User Name = Lunch #

Password   = Lunch #

**Accelerated Reader (AR) Log-In Information**

<https://hosted23.renlearn.com/711559/Public/RPM/Login/Login.aspx?srcID=s>

User Name = (First initial of first name + First 4 letters of last name)

Example: Karen Walthalll;  User name = KWALT

Password = Lunch #

**Rigby Reading Inventory**

The Rigby PM Benchmark test is a Reading assessment tool used by teachers of elementary school students in grades kindergarten through 5; it is designed to evaluate, monitor and report reading comprehension and progress in learning.

**Rigby  Expected Levels of Performance**

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|  | **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** |

 \*Promotion Standard for 1st-Grade =   Level 16

 \*Promotion Standard for 2nd-Grade = Level 22