



Crosby Elementary School
2023-2024
Family Engagement Plan
1st-5th Grade

Crosby 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 Crosby 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 Crosby Elementary welcomes and respects.

1. Facilitate Family-to-Family-Support

Crosby 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:

- ❖ Parent Newsletters using “Smore”
- ❖ Open House
- ❖ Book Fairs
- ❖ Site based Decision-Making Team
- ❖ Meet the Teacher Night
- ❖ Field Trips
- ❖ PTA Meetings/Social Events
- ❖ ESL Parent Nights
- ❖ STEAM Night
- ❖ Parent Conferences
- ❖ Parent Volunteer Opportunities including PTA
- ❖ Classroom Parties
- ❖ Semester Awards

2. Establishing a Network of Community Resources

Crosby Elementary 1st-5th grade Family Engagement Plan builds strategic partnership with community agencies and faith-based organizations. CES 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:

- ❖ Clothe-A-Child
- ❖ Region 4 Education Service Center
- ❖ Child Find-Early Identification of students with special needs
- ❖ Child Nutrition Information
- ❖ Immunization Information
- ❖ Health & Attendance Guidelines
- ❖ Walmart, Starbucks, Crawfish Shack, Chick Fil A
- ❖ East Harris County Empowerment Council
- ❖ Crosby Elementary Bilingual Employees provide (as needed) translation services for families.

3. Increasing Family Participation in Decision-Making

Crosby 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
- ❖ Safety and Security Team
- ❖ PTA
- ❖ Campus Level Parent Meetings
- ❖ Campus visitation & volunteering
- ❖ Academic progress for students shared with parents

4. Equipping Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning

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

- ❖ Teacher Conferences
- ❖ Open House
- ❖ Report Cards & Progress Reports available online through Parent Portal
- ❖ BOY & EOY Milestones
- ❖ Ren. 360 Data
- ❖ Campus Webpage
- ❖ Campus Facebook Page
- ❖ Campus Twitter Page
- ❖ Newsletters
- ❖ Emails through Skyward
- ❖ Book Fairs
- ❖ STEAM Night
- ❖ ESL Family Night

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

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

- ❖ Provide teachers with training with research-based strategies
- ❖ Region 4 Trainings
- ❖ Harris County Department of Education Trainings
- ❖ District level trainings and support

6. Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Use for Continuous Improvement

At Crosby 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

Resources Available to Parents and Families

STAAR Resources

[https://tea.texas.gov/Student Testing and Accountability/Testing/State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness](https://tea.texas.gov/Student_Testing_and_Accountability/Testing/State_of_Texas_Assessments_of_Academic_Readiness)