



# Gladewater ISD

## Gladewater Primary Family Engagement Plan

Gladewater ISD provides a high-quality prekindergarten program to its youngest learners. Our goal is to foster the partnership between families, schools, and the community for the success of our students. In accordance with Texas Education Code §29.168, created by House Bill 4, 84th Texas Legislature, 2015, GISD created a specific family engagement plan for the prekindergarten program.

### Definitions

**Family Engagement-** The mutual responsibility of families, schools and communities to build relationships to support student learning and achievement, family well-being and the continuous learning and development of children, families and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated in the child's education experience, supports the whole child and is both culturally-responsive and linguistically-appropriate.

**Family-** Adults responsible for the child's care and children in the child's life who support the early learning and development of the child.

## Gladewater Primary High-Quality Pre-K Family Engagement Plan

### Family Engagement Goal

1. Facilitate family-to-family support.

### Strategies

**Families are encouraged to participate in:**

- Meet and Greet Gatherings
- Orientation
- Social media groups

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2. Establish a network of community resources.

### Strategies

The GISD partnership with community and faith-based organizations will create a network of resources that will directly benefit prekindergarten families. Resources include:

- Backpack food program
- Community events
- Community angel tree
- State and local resources
- Goodside Health

### Family Engagement Goal

3. Increase family participation in decision making.

### Strategies

Prekindergarten families will be invited to participate in:

- Parent/teacher conferences
- Surveys
- Intake questionnaires
- Participation in student goal setting

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4. Equip families to enhance and extend learning.

### Strategies

**Prekindergarten families will be invited to participate in:**

- Parent Nights
- Face-to-face parent/teacher meetings
- Collaborative data review and decision making
- Weekly newsletters including tips
- Emphasize positive family practices
- Social media postings

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5. Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks.

### Strategies

**The prekindergarten team will participate in professional development activities including:**

- CLI Engage resources
- Region 7 workshops
- Teacher collaboration regarding strategies to support students in the 5 domains (Reading, Writing, Language and Communication, Health/Wellness, Math)
- Cluster meetings to support data analysis and instructional strategies

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6. Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement.

### Strategies

**Gladewater Primary will evaluate family engagement efforts using:**

- Family participation logs
- Communication logs
- Student assessments
- Collaborative review of practices
- Family surveys
- Self assessment