

PK Family Engagement Plan 2021- 2022

The Bob Hope School Family Engagement Plan Pre-Kindergarten

The Bob Hope School (BHS) recognizes the vital influence parents have on the education of their children. Creating a rich home learning environment that encourages academic success and high expectations is critical to the transfer of these characteristics into the school system. Bob Hope School welcomes and promotes parental involvement via varied activities and events which foster parental input, contribution, and collaboration to our school community. Bob Hope School, therefore, has created this PK Family Engagement Plan to assist the district in achieving and maintaining high levels of family involvement and positive family mindsets toward education. Through our partnership with BHS parents and families, the academic success of each child can be ensured.

Components	BHS Family Engagement Strategic Plan
<p>Facilitate family-to-family support</p>	<p>BHS will coordinate a variety of activities to bring parents and families together to support students and teachers. These activities will connect families by allowing them to participate in initiatives such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the Teacher/Open House • Coffee with the Counselor (twice monthly) • Make-and-Take Workshops • Monthly Parent Newsletter/Calendar • Parent Nights • Parent Conferences (with the teacher, counselor, and/or administrator) • Book Fair (twice yearly) • Parent Volunteer Opportunities • Title 1 meetings
<p>Establish a network of community resources</p>	<p>BHS will build strategic partnerships with community organizations and establish resources that provide services to students. This effort will empower families with the necessary means to safeguard the health of their children. Some of the resources will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gulf Coast Health Center • Spindletop • Legacy Community Health • Buckner • Texas Department of Health and Human Services • United Way • Communities in Schools of Southeast Texas • Garth House • Region 5 Education Service Center • Child Find
<p>Increase family participation in decision-making</p>	<p>BHS welcomes parent and family contributions that support our model and programs and which will positively influence student success. Parents are invited to participate in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Campus Advisory Teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Campus Improvement Plan ○ LPAC ○ Title 1 • Regularly scheduled campus-level parent meetings • Family Feedback Surveys

<p>Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning</p>	<p>BHS will provide families with skills, resources, and information to support learning in the home environment by offering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Notification of Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PK CIRCLE results ○ Progress Reports ○ Report Cards • Coffee with the Counselor sessions relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Child's Stages of Development ○ Infant/Toddler Pre-School Readiness • Monthly newsletter/calendar offering tips for motivation, discipline, ideas for enhancing learning, etc. • Campus Parent Events promoting literacy such as Book Fairs, Make-and-Takes, etc. • Make-and-Take parent trainings to support student learning of other content areas. • Social Media/Technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ District website ○ Facebook ○ Campus apps – Remind, Class Dojo • ESL classes for parents
<p>Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks.</p>	<p>BHS will provide staff with essential professional development and skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual parent/teacher conferences to discuss learning goals and progress toward meeting those goals using the language of the home • Circle Assessment training for PK teachers • Best practices for sharing resources from the CLI with families • Growing their leadership abilities by having them develop parent trainings • Research-based strategies parents can use with students to provide support at home • Supporting and using culturally diverse and culturally relevant family engagement strategies • Social and emotional development
<p>Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement</p>	<p>BHS will use a variety of methods and data to collect feedback from parents. This allows parents to express their opinions and suggestions on the effectiveness of the program and activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Surveys • Parent Feedback Forms • Use parent input to provide valuable information in the planning, development, and implementation of programs for the district • Information collected will be used for continuous improvement and adjustment of PK family engagement activities.

As a parent, you are your child's first teacher. "The most accurate predictors of student achievement in school are not family income or social status, but the extent to which the family creates a home environment that encourages learning, communicates high yet reasonable expectations for the child's achievement, and becomes involved in the child's education at school." (National PTA. (2000). Building Successful Partnerships: A Guide for Developing Parent and Family Involvement Programs. Bloomington, Indiana: National Education Service, 11-12.)

Bob Hope School is committed to family engagement and encourages families to participate in the opportunities offered with your PK child. Student academic success is paramount, and we look forward to collaborating with you to ensure that this goal is achieved.