

Building Family Efficacy in Technology

Region 16 Best Practices Expo

Facilitated by

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Goals:

- Participants will learn how to create opportunities of engagement for parents and families to increase student achievement.
- Participants will learn ways that Spring ISD engages and empowers families, particularly as it relates to technology support.

Spring ISD At-a-Glance: Our Schools

- 26 Elementary Schools
- 9 Middle Schools
- 3 Ninth Grade Centers
- 3 Comprehensive High Schools
- 1 Career Academy
- 1 Early College
- 1 Virtual Learning Program



Spring ISD At-a-Glance

Programs

- GT: 6.5%
- CTE: 49.5%
- Special Education: 10.8%
- LEP: 29.6%
- Homeless: .9%

Total Student Enrollment:
33,779

Ethnic Breakdown

- Hispanic: 48.4 %
- African American: 38.4%
- White: 6.8%
- Asian: 2.6%
- Two or more: 1.9%
- American Indian: 1.7%
- Pacific Islander: .3%

Family and Community Engagement Department

Tranita Carroll
Executive Director

- Family Empowerment Coordinator (Nichole Bowman)
- Family Engagement Coordinator (Patricia Juarez)
- Family Engagement Coordinator (Vilma Gomez)
- Community Engagement Coordinator (Lorena Zertuche)
- Parent Engagement Specialist (Ysabel Luna)
- Five Home Learning Instructors
- Parent Assistance Clerk

Family and Community Engagement

Mission Statement

The Family and Community Engagement Department strives to create, support and strengthen sustainable programs and initiatives for parent engagement which focus on the academic, emotional and social success of their children. We create partnerships among the schools, families and the community to help all students reach high levels of academic achievement.



Core Belief

We believe each child should be given opportunities to be successful and understand that active participation by parents and families will help promote student achievement.

Family Engagement Program Pre-COVID

Four-Part Program

- Capacity building/Leadership development
 - Staff development
 - Family Empowerment Liaison (FEL) Intensive development
 - Parent development
- Parent workshops
- Parent classes
- Community Engagement
 - Partnerships
 - Community Events

Family Engagement Program COVID

Pivot and Reset

- Technology Support
- Family Outreach

Parent Engagement Program COVID

Technology Support:

- Schoology Parent Support Sessions
- Home Access Center (HAC) Support Sessions
- Computer Classes
- Hotspot/Chromebook Distribution

Part 1: Capacity Building

Staff Development

- How to Increase Parental Engagement on Your Campus
- How to Facilitate a Positive Parent-Teacher Conference
- How to Effectively Utilize Parent Volunteers on Your Campus
- How to Create a Positive and Welcoming Environment for Parents on Your Campus
- How to Start a Parent Group on Your Campus

Part 1: Capacity Building

Parent Development

- Parent Volunteer Orientation
- Parent Group Training
 - PTA
 - PTO
 - Booster Club
- Preparing for Parent Conference Day
- District Parent Advisory Council
 - Leadership development

Part 1: Capacity Building

Parent Development: Smart Start Early Childhood Education

➤ Through home visits parents receive one-on-one intensive instruction and support to focus on their child's healthy growth and development



Part 2: Parent Workshops

Parent Engagement Workshop Topics

- Critical Curriculum Conversation
- Bullying, Cyber-bullying and Student Discipline
- Bullying, Cyber-bullying and Internet Safety
- Are You a College Ready Parent?
- Assessments 101
- Understanding Advanced Placement and Dual Credit
- House Bill 5: Graduation Requirements
- Transitions...From Elementary to Middle to High School to College

Part 2: Parent Workshops

Parent Engagement Workshop Topics

- Social Media and Adolescent Mental Health
- Literacy Strategies for Young Learners
- How to Deal with Temper Tantrums
- Developing Healthy Relationships
- Gang Awareness
- How to Prepare for Cold and Flu Season
- **Academic Support Sessions**

Part 3: Parent Classes

Classes are offered each semester

- Language Acquisition/Spanish
- Computer Technology
- Language Acquisition/ESL
- **GED**
- Love and Logic
- Parenting the First Five Years
 - In partnership with ESCAPE Family Resource Center

Part 4: Community Engagement

Community Groups

- Ministerial Alliance
- Under One Roof – Real Estate and Apartment Community Consortium
- Business Advisory Council



Part 4: Community Engagement

Areas of Support

- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Adopt-A-School
- Job shadowing
- Field experiences

Part 4: Community Engagement Events

- Reaching for Excellence Graduation Walk
- National Night Out
- Books in the Barbershop
- Winter Wonderland Literacy Event
- Community Resource Fair
- Chick-fil-A Family Education Nights
- Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Questions and Answers





Thank you