

## Knox City Elementary Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan

*Knox City Elementary (KCE) is committed to providing a quality education to meet the varied needs of a diverse student body. We understand that in order to improve the academic achievement of each student, it takes a joint commitment and relationship between our staff and the families of our children. Families will have multiple opportunities to join the school in its mission to improve the overall academic success of their children. The district expects all families to participate in scheduled events that positively affect their student's learning. The district will strive to provide opportunities for each family to provide input to improve the overall learning environment for their children and others.*

1. Facilitate Family to Family Support- It is the goal of KCE to provide opportunities for our families to connect with staff and other families throughout the school year.

- **Pre-K and Kindergarten registration to allow parents to meet the teachers and other families.**
- **Meet the teacher night at the beginning of each school year.**
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences throughout each school year.**
- **PTO membership is promoted and encouraged for all families.**

2. Establish a Network of Community Resources- KCE strives to relay information to our stakeholders in a variety of ways, hard copy, digital, word of mouth, and other engagement activities

- **Announcements, menus, schedules, etc. are updated and posted on the district's website, campus Facebook pages, Remind messaging system.**
- **District Facebook and remind messaging system keeps parents informed on campus activities.**
- **Parent surveys are generated throughout the year along with quick data surveys.**
- **Breakfast Buddies, Pirate Palooza and Meet the Teacher allows booths set up for PTO volunteers to sign up.**

3. Increase Family to Participation in Decision-Making - KCE works hard to encourage stakeholders to get involved in all aspects of the schools operations.

- **PTO Membership is promoted by the school to allow parents opportunities to serve the school.**
- **Pre-K registration at the end of each school year for the upcoming year.**
- **Committees are formed in the school to provide input from parents and the community (Site Base Decision Making, SHAC, Eagle Growth Committee, etc.)**
- **Surveys are conducted for parents to provide feedback on the functioning of the school.**

4. Equip Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning - KCE invites and offers training to parents on how to get involved in their students learning.

- **Living Museum, Science Fair, and other activities are sponsored by the school each year to promote parental involvement in their student's learning.**
- **Virtual learning is available to all students to allow students the opportunities to learn at home as well as at school (IStation, IXL, etc.)**

5. Developing Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Practices that Support Families in Meeting their Children's Learning Benchmarks. - KCE utilizes the school calendar to help create opportunities for stakeholders and uses those calendar days to train staff on best practices.

- **Staff Development days are scheduled at the beginning of each year as well as incorporated into the school calendar throughout the year to address needs.**
- **Teacher Workdays allow teachers the opportunity to meet with parents and other staff members each six weeks.**
- **PLCs have been implemented to study student data and assign student mentors.**

6. Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Using Evaluations for Continuous Improvement - KCE invites feedback from all stakeholders in a variety of ways listed below. We use those results to mold our practices for better outcomes in the future.

- **Surveys are conducted at the beginning of the year and quick surveys are conducted throughout the year to evaluate programs and the overall school environment.**
- **Sign-in sheets are kept to measure the engagement of the activities (Open House, Meet the Teacher, Parent Meetings, etc.).**
- **Staff develops and maintains "Core Values" and "Campus Goals" each year.**

**Knox City-O'Brien CISD is committed to growing and improving the overall Pre-K program by working with parents to offer their students a conducive learning environment, focused on encouragement and engagement. Knox City-O'Brien CISD will work with parents to ensure the fidelity and commitment of the program and use parent feedback to make decisions to improve the overall program.**