Aledo ISD Pre-K Family Engagement Plan

- I. Aledo ISD will facilitate Family-to-Family Support.
 - Parenting University
 Presentations on a variety of topics (based on parent input) 5-6 times per year.
 Presentation material is posted to the website as an ongoing resource.
- II. Aledo ISD will establish a network of community resources and strategies for parents.
 - a. Translation Services
 Aledo ISD is committed to providing information to families. Translation services
 make information accessible for all families regardless of language website,
 forms, and translators for meetings. Services are ongoing as needed.
 - b. Pre-K Round Up and Testing Each spring information is announced on the Aledo ISD website and the local newspaper for Pre-Kindergarten registration. Subsequent testing is then done on students.
- III. <u>Aledo ISD will provide opportunities to increase family participation in decision-making at both the campus and district level.</u>
 - a. Site-Based Decision Making Teams Site-based decision-making is a process for decentralizing decisions to improve the educational outcomes at every school campus through a collaborative effort by which principals, teachers, campus staff, district staff, parents, and community representatives assess educational outcomes of all students, determine goals and strategies, and ensure that strategies are implemented and adjusted to improve student achievement. For more information about participating at your campus, please contact the school.
 - b. District Advisory Committee
 The District-Wide Education Improvement Committee (DWEIC) is a planning and
 decision-making committee that includes representatives from Aledo ISD staff,
 parents, businesses and community members. The committee meets throughout
 the school year. The committee advises the Superintendent and School Board on
 educational plans, goals, performance objectives, and major classroom
 instructional programs.
 - c. Council of Parent Teacher Organizations Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO) is well represented across Aledo ISD. Each campus has its own governing body. For more information about joining the PTO, please visit the <u>website</u>.

d. School-Parent Compacts

Each Title I school must jointly develop with parents a school-parent compact as a component of its written parental involvement policy. A school-parent compact is a written agreement between the school and the parents. At a minimum, the school-parent compact must include:

- The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards.
- Ways in which parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning (ie monitoring attendance, homework completion; volunteering in their child's classroom; or positive use of extracurricular time).
- The importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum: Parent-teacher conferences, frequent reports to parents on their child's progress, reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities.
- e. Language Proficiency Assessment Committee
 Each school has an LPAC committee. Each LPAC should include a campus
 administrator, ESL teacher, and a parent of a student who is in the ESL program
 (Limited English Proficient (LEP)). All members of the LPAC must be trained to
 perform the duties of the committee according to state guidelines. The LPAC
 reviews all pertinent information on each LEP student at the time of initial
 enrollment and at the end of each school year, places students in the appropriate
 program, and monitors the progress of LEP and former LEP students. For more
 information about participating at your campus, please contact the school.

IV. Aledo ISD will equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning beyond the school day.

a. Home Learning Activities – CLI Engage Throughout the school year, students in a prekindergarten classroom might be given special activities to help their teacher track their progress. The teacher looks at the results of this "progress monitoring" to determine if the children are developing the skills they will need for kindergarten and their later school years. Activities for language, social and emotional skills, and mathematics are sent home with each child every 6 weeks. For more information, please contact the campus Principal.

- V. Aledo ISD will develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks.
 - a. Parent Engagement through Volunteering, Communication, and Home Projects Pre-K teachers and teacher assistants receive professional learning which focuses on parent engagement at the classroom level.
- VI. <u>Aledo ISD will evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement.</u>
 - a. Parent Portal

Parent Portal is a web-based tool available to all parents with students enrolled in PK-12. With its easy to use interface, this tool will transform two-way communication. It works with the district's Student Information System (SIS) and allows parents to monitor progress in school by providing timely access to both assignments and grades that are entered by the teacher throughout the grading period.

b. District and Campus Social Media

Aledo ISD utilizes social media as a tool to engage and communicate with parents, students, staff and the community. Aledo ISD uses Facebook and Twiter to regularly release news, photos, and videos. The district also uses the platforms to answer questions in the form of two-way communication with parents and the community. The platform provides instant information and allows the district to use this as another effective tool of communication.

www.facebook.com/Aledoisd https://twitter.com/AledoISD

https://www.flickr.com/photos/aledobearcats/albums

c. Aledo ISD Mobile App

The Aledo ISD App offers parents, students, staff, and the community a great way to stay connected to the district 24/7. Download the app through the <u>Apple App Store</u> and the <u>Google Play store</u>. Features include staff directories, instant notifications, lunch money payment portal, AISD social media, and much more.

d. District and Campus Websites

Aledo ISD website is <u>www.aledoisd.org</u> and from the main webpage, parents can access a variety of useful information and each campus website with just a few clicks.