

Roscoe Collegiate Independent School District

Montessori Early Childhood Center

Family Engagement Plan

At Roscoe Collegiate ISD, we value our families, and we understand the importance of involving our families in the education of our students. This plan outlines strategies to support family-to-family engagement, to provide a network of community resources, to involve families in the decision-making process, to equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning, to develop staff to support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks, and to evaluate and improve on the family engagement strategies used each year.

Roscoe Collegiate Montessori Early Childhood Center (ECC) is committed to engaging parents in meaningful educational experiences with their children. The ECC will solicit informal input from parents throughout the school year. Parents can formally provide input by way of parent survey and Title I year-end meetings each year during the spring.

Roscoe Collegiate Montessori Early Childhood Center qualifies as a school-wide Title I campus, which means we use Title I funds to provide services for all students in grades PK-6. The Family Engagement Plan and the Parent/Teacher/Student Compacts are given to each child at the start of school with the School Handbook and Code of Conduct.

In conjunction with Meet the Teacher in August, we will have the annual meeting for parents. At this meeting information about Title I guidelines will be reviewed as well as the Parent/Teacher/Student Compact. Parents will be encouraged to become involved in the revising and updating of the policy as necessary and parent volunteers will be recruited for the various district committee appointments. Notice of this meeting is provided through written invitations to parents and through public notices.

Family-to-Family Support

- Roscoe ECC has created a Facebook page to encourage positive communication from one parent to another.
- Roscoe ECC will discuss the family engagement plan and the importance of family-to-family support to parents at an annual meeting.
- Parents will be encouraged to make connections with each other through classroom events.
- Roscoe ECC will host campus events focused on parental involvement, such as Literacy Night.
- Roscoe ECC will offer ongoing parent support grounded in Capturing Kids' Hearts, Grace and Courtesy, and Peace Education.

Network of Community Resources

- Roscoe ECC will provide a handout that will include a list of local resources with url addresses and phone numbers. These will be distributed in a Welcome Packet. The list shall include, but not be limited to
 - Texas Department of Human Services
 - 211 Texas
 - Child Abuse Hotline

- Health Department
- Texas Health Steps
- Child Advocacy Center
- District Attorney's office
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- Roscoe ECC will collect surveys each spring (for currently enrolled families) to determine family interests and needs. A survey will also be given to new families as they register in the spring and summer. The surveys will be evaluated in order to plan family activities, plan parent development classes, and revise the community resource list.
- Roscoe ECC utilizes the Emergent Bilingual Interventionist as well as bilingual staff members to assist with translation services. Their information will be made available.

Family participation in decision-making

- Roscoe ECC will work through a site-based decision-making committee that will include at least one parent. That parent will also be invited to the Roscoe Collegiate ISD district site-based meetings.
- Roscoe ECC will solicit input from all parents concerning the parent-teacher-student compacts, and family engagement plan.
- Roscoe ECC will collect surveys each spring designed to allow parents an opportunity to evaluate the ECC and provide suggestions for improvement.
- Roscoe ECC parents will be invited to the year-end Title I meeting designed to solicit parent input.
- Roscoe ECC will include parents from the ECC in the annual Title I meeting held at the beginning of school.
- Roscoe ECC will sustain an open communication that makes teachers and administrative staff available to parents on a daily basis.

Roscoe ECC will equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning...

- Roscoe ECC will continue to educate all students using the Texas Preschool Guidelines, Kindergarten TEKS, and Montessori Method of instruction, enhancing and extending socialization, and facilitating parent involvement for all RCMECC parents.
- Roscoe ECC will provide parent training and support throughout the year in the curriculum and assessment process to parents.
- Roscoe ECC will host a family night that will engage parents in the Preschool Guidelines and Kindergarten TEKS to support learning at home.
- Roscoe ECC will implement a functional and effective Parent Resource Center to serve our Early Childhood Campus families.
- Roscoe ECC will provide the following:
 - Meet the Teacher Night
 - Parent-Teacher conferences with all parents at least twice a year
- Roscoe ECC will publish a newsletter to keep parents informed of important information including program activities, suggestions for parents to become involved in their child's education, activities that can be done at home for little or no cost that correspond to activities done in the classroom, and upcoming events. This will be made available in digital format as well.
- Roscoe ECC will send home a monthly calendar of events occurring at the ECC.

- Roscoe ECC will provide information to parents in a format and language they understand.
- Roscoe ECC will provide parents frequent reports on student progress. Report cards are sent home every six weeks.

Roscoe ECC will provide professional development opportunities for educators on culturally responsive, evidence-based strategies that support education of the child.

- Roscoe ECC will promote and develop family engagement as a core strategy to improve teaching and learning among all educators and staff.
- Roscoe ECC will provide essential professional development for educators in understanding communication and engagement with families.
- Roscoe ECC will train children to greet and say good-bye to teachers, parents, visitors, and their classmates as a means to show respect for all program participants.
- Roscoe ECC will use developmentally appropriate activities to help children understand differences in families, cultures, and traditions.
- Roscoe ECC will make space available for staff to meet with families privately.

Evaluate family engagement efforts and use the evaluations for continuous improvement

- Roscoe ECC will include family engagement efforts on the spring survey designed to identify family interests and needs.
- Roscoe ECC will evaluate parent survey responses during the campus comprehensive needs assessment during the spring and summer.
- Changes to family engagement efforts and the family engagement plan will be highly dependent on parent input.
- In May of each year the SBDM Committee will review and evaluate all aspects of the parent involvement program and the Family Engagement Plan. This meeting will be advertised in our normal media venues inviting all parents to attend. Parent surveys including questions about the effectiveness of the program will be distributed at the end of each year and the results will be tabulated. Changes will be made to the Parental Involvement Policy based on the results of this annual review.