



University of Texas Elementary Charter School  
HB4 PK Family Engagement Plan  
Our Community Commitment from Pre-K to Ph.D.

**U**nity: Collaboration and Communication  
**T**enacity: Resilience and Optimism  
**E**xcellence: Achievement and Growth  
**S**afety: Health and Climate

Goal	Strategies
<b>Facilitate family-to-family support.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Families are invited to Meet the Teacher on August 3, 2022.</li><li>• Uniform swap/purchase is available during <i>Meet the Teacher</i> in the Café for those needing uniforms.</li><li>• Back to School Night on August 23, 2022 is an opportunity to receive more detailed information about the academic and social programs at school.</li><li>• Little Longhorn League (L3) parent organization is sponsoring Spooktacular (October 28, 2022) and BEVO Bash (April, 2023) to build school community.</li><li>• Campus wide Thanksgiving Dinner to encourage family-to-family engagement and build school community.</li><li>• Content Themed events throughout the year – Winter Concert, STEAM Night, and Special Areas Showcase.</li><li>• Track and Field Day-May 2023.</li><li>• Book Fair November 1st-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 and March 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Families have the opportunity to attend before school and after school to purchase books.</li><li>• Teachers communicate with parents via a daily folder, along with email, and Class DOJO.</li><li>• School information can be found on the district website and through a weekly information email along with a monthly principal newsletter.</li></ul>



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<p><b>Establish a network of community resources.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Katie Scott, school social worker can be reached by email <a href="mailto:katie.scott@austin.utexas.edu">katie.scott@austin.utexas.edu</a> or phone (512) 495-3339. She provides and facilitates referrals to family support or educational groups based on family interests and needs.</li><li>• Nurse Kerry Aguillon can be reached by email <a href="mailto:Kerry.aguillon@austin.utexas.edu">Kerry.aguillon@austin.utexas.edu</a> or by phone (512)495-3305. She provides and facilitates referrals to families in need of health resources.</li><li>• Vaccine Clinics provided by Austin Travis County Public Health-September 30, 2022. Spring date-TBD.</li><li>• Community Thanksgiving Drive and Christmas Angel Tree for families in need, as well as a way for families to support the school.</li><li>• School Health Advisory Council will host a Wellness Day Spring, 2023.</li><li>• Free books for families through the University of Texas Service Organization - Orange Santa</li><li>• YMCA after school program on campus, and Austin Recreation center van pick-up for after school care.</li><li>• Community readers for Women’s Day and Dr. Seuss’ Birthday.</li></ul>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Increase family participation in decision making.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Families actively participate in Little Longhorn League Parent Organization (L3). Monthly meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month and all are welcome. Meetings are held hybrid and parents can participate in person or virtually.</li><li>• Principal Chats- October 14, 2022, December 9, 2022, February 10, 2023 and April 14, 2023. As well as providing information on school activities, these sessions provide a chance for families to share feedback and address any concerns they may have.</li><li>• Town Hall Safety Meeting-August 30,2022 to provide information and input on school safety to families.</li><li>• Families are encouraged to volunteer. There are opportunities for parents/guardians to work with classroom teachers to provide support.</li><li>• Campus personnel provide opportunities for family members to serve on the Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) committee, School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), Education Council and the UTES Management Board.</li><li>• Families are given the opportunity to give input through campus surveys.</li></ul>
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<p><b>Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early Childhood Story Time with Austin Public Library-October 12, 2022.</li><li>• Teachers provide instructional ideas for home during the fall and spring parent conferences. October 10, 2022 &amp; February 20, 2023.</li><li>• Families are given access to online resources and programs for their student.</li><li>• Literacy and STEAM nights incorporate activities for families to do at home with their student. (January, 26, 2023).</li><li>• Literacy nights for families of students in PK-2<sup>nd</sup> offered twice a year. Sessions will be offered in person and virtually.</li><li>• To prepare for summer reading, there will be a free book fair in May.</li><li>• Social and emotional learning tools are provided in monthly counselor chats.</li><li>• District special programs department offer information sessions for families to gain more information and knowledge as it pertains to Dyslexia, speech concerns, learning challenges and how families can support students at home. (Fall Sessions: September, 7, 2022; October 12, 2022; Spring Sessions: TBD.)</li></ul>
<p><b>Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children’s learning benchmarks.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff participate in professional development and use culturally diverse and relevant curriculum through the Social Justice Initiative.</li><li>• Training on communicating with diverse families is prioritized.</li><li>• The staff participates in ongoing professional development in academics and social-emotional learning. Training in Brain-Based Learning and trauma-informed classrooms is provided to all staff members.</li></ul>
<p><b>Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School site-based decision-making committees – Education Council (campus advisory) and School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) include family representatives.</li><li>• Campus utilizes sign-in sheets to monitor family attendance at events.</li><li>• Campus surveys for family input are utilized in creating the District Improvement Plan (DIP).</li></ul>