



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

Unity: Collaboration and Communication

Tenacity: Resilience and Optimism

Excellence: Achievement and Growth

Safety: Health and Climate

Goal	Strategies
<p>Facilitate family-to-family support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families are invited to Meet the Teacher on August 9th, 2024. • Uniform swap/purchase available during Meet the Teacher in the café. • Back to School Night on September 12th, 2024. Family opportunity to ask questions and get more detailed information about the school day. • Little Longhorn League (L3) parent organization is sponsoring evening and weekend events to help build community within the school. Information is available through the ©REMIND app. • Margin of Excellence Program: Students attend 2 special areas each day. Classes include Discovering Languages & Culture with a focus on Spanish, Music, STEAM, and PE. • Content-themed events throughout the year -Winter Concert, STEAM Night, Career Day, Book Fair, Spring Orchestra Concert and Literacy Night. • Field Day on October 11th, 2024. • Book Fair will be during the school day September 30th-October 4th and February 10th-14th. Family Night October 3rd, 2024. • Students attend Field Trips around the Austin area. Specific information is available from the grade level teams. • Teachers communicate with parents via a Thursday folder, weekly newsletter, and ©REMIND. Families can also reach out by phone to schedule an in-person or virtual meeting by calling the main office at 512-495-3300. • School information can be found on our website and through a weekly information email along with a weekly parent newsletter.

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<p>Establish a network of community resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Menchaca, LMSW the District SEL Coordinator and school social worker can be reached by email andrea.menchaca@austin.utexas.edu or by phone (512) 495-3339. She provides and facilitates referrals to family support, individual services, or educational groups based on family interests and needs. • Nurse Rachel RN, BSN can be reached by email rachel.ibarra@austin.utexas.edu or by phone (512)495-3305. She provides and facilitates referrals to families in need of health resources. • Community Thanksgiving Drive, Coats for Kids, and Christmas Angel Tree for families in need is a way for families to contribute to our school community. • Free books for families through the University of Texas Service Organization - Orange Santa • YMCA after-school program on campus, and Austin Recreation Center van pick-up. • Annual Career Day January 30th, 2025. • Community readers for Dr. Seuss' Birthday (National Read Across America Day), March 4, 2025.
<p>Increase family participation in decision making.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families actively participate in Little Longhorn League Parent Organization (L3). Monthly meetings are on the 1st Thursday of every month and all are welcome. Zoom invite information is shared via the website and the messaging system, ©REMIND. • 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. • Families are given the opportunity to give input through campus surveys. • Principal chats monthly on the 1st Friday of each month.

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Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers provide instructional ideas for home during the fall and spring parent conferences. • Families are given access to online resources and programs for their students. • Literacy and STEAM nights incorporate activities for families to do at home with their students. • Literacy nights for families of students in PK-2nd are offered twice a year.
Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children’s learning benchmarks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff participate in professional development and use culturally diverse and relevant curricula through the ©Second Step Program. • Instructional staff participate in professional development on engagement with families, including training on communicating with families in crisis. • Academic and social-emotional learning are part of ongoing professional development for staff. • Staff hosts University of Texas student teachers and interns to collaborate with the UT teacher preparation program. • District SEL Coordinator hosts social work graduate interns from the UT Steve Hicks School of Social Work as well as Texas State University. • Staff implements research-based Reading Language Arts and Math curriculum.
Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School site-based decision-making committees –Education Council and Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) include parent/family representatives. • Campus surveys for family input are utilized in creating the campus improvement plan (CIP).