

Belton Early Childhood School

Family Engagement Plan



<p>1. Facilitate family to family support.</p>	<p>Strategies</p>
<p>BECS will facilitate family to family support and create a safe and respectful environment where families can learn from each other. BECS will facilitate this support by providing contact information along with opportunities for parents to come together and make connections.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Festival • PTO Parent and Staff Directory • PTO Board Meetings • Volunteer Opportunities • Spring Splash Event • Family Craft Nights • Literacy Night/Math Night • Donuts with Dad • Muffins with Moms • Coffee with Counselor • Class Parties
<p>2. Establish a network of community resources.</p>	<p>Strategies</p>
<p>BECS will establish a network of community resources by maintaining partnerships with businesses, faith based organizations and community agencies.</p> <p>BECS will provide information on community events to parents in the family’s home language.</p> <p>BECS will build strategic partnerships and leverage community resources.</p> <p>BECS will partner with local community-based organizations to create a family-friendly transition plan for students arriving from early childhood settings.</p> <p>BECS will communicate short term and long-term program goals to all stakeholders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTO directory with staff and parent phone numbers and emails • Flyers with community resource information • CIT Committee Meetings to discuss campus plans and make decisions • Parent Resource Board • Partner with local organizations such as ECI, the local library, Kiwanis, YMCA, Barnes and Noble and other organizations to ensure smooth transitions for students

<p>3. Increase family participation in decision making.</p>	<p>Strategies</p>
<p>BECS will increase family participation in decision making by ensuring that parents are members of decision making committees along with participating in meetings where they may provide feedback on campus decisions.</p> <p>BECS will develop, and implement identified goals within the annual campus/school improvement plan targeting family engagement.</p> <p>BECS will provide opportunities for families to advocate for their children.</p> <p>BECS will collaborate with families to develop strategies to solve problems and serve as problem solvers.</p> <p>BECS will engage families in shaping program activities.</p> <p>BECS will provide each family with an opportunity to review and provide input on program practices, policies, communications, and events in order to ensure the program is responsive to the needs of families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Improvement Committee (CIT) • PTO Board • ARD Committee • LPAC Committee • CIT Committee Input • Coffee with Counselor • Parent/Teacher Conferences
<p>4. Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning.</p>	<p>Strategies</p>
<p>BECS will equip families with tools to enhance and extend their learning by providing home educational resources to support learning at home while strengthening the family/school partnership; provide complementary learning activities for families to engage in at home with children.</p> <p>BECS will provide families with information and trainings to create a home learning environment.</p> <p>BECS will equip families with resources and skills to support their children through the transition to school and offering opportunities for families and children to visit the school prior to the prekindergarten school year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Engagement Games (home/school connection bags) • CLI Engage Online Support Sessions • CLI parent Report • CLI Family CIRCLE Activity Collection • Parent/Teacher Conferences • Pre-K Registration • Pre-K Round-up • Monthly Lunch and Learn Sessions • Literacy and Math Night (Make it and Take it) • Parent Resource Book Bags • Open House • Meet the Teacher • Parent Resource Board

<p>5. Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children’s learning benchmark.</p>	<p>Strategies</p>
<p>BECS develops staff skills in Evidence-Based Practices that support families in meeting their children’s learning benchmarks by providing professional development in communication and support for families.</p> <p>BECS will provide professional development for educators in understanding communication and engagement with families, including training on communicating with families in crisis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEL Trainings • Project Heart Beat Training (Families in Crisis) • Customer Service Training for front office assistants • Social Emotional Learning (SEL) • Behavior Trainings (Taming the Tantrum) • CLI Engage Online Support Sessions • CLI parent Report • CLI Family CIRCLE Activity Collection • Coffee with Counselor • Parent/Teacher Conferences
<p>6. Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement.</p>	<p>Strategies</p>
<p>BECS evaluates the family engagement efforts through feedback and data collected through surveys and self-assessments. BECS utilizes evaluations for continuous improvement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent survey feedback and results to improve services • Perception data collected from campus events • Parent participation data collected from attendance • Student performance data • Parent Feedback through CIT meetings, ARD, LPAC and PTO Meetings • Analysis of parent attendance at family events • Facebook Feedback