



La Joya ISD

Early Learning Family Engagement Plan

2025-2026

Mission Statement

The La Joya Independent School District empowers students to become critical thinkers, visionary leaders, and active contributors in their community, fostering a pathway to success for limitless opportunities in a competitive global, civic and economic landscape. Educational excellence is the responsibility of all members of the La Joya ISD community, where we embody the belief system, both in voice and action, that results in students who are prepared to realize their fullest potential.

Family Engagement Philosophy

La Joya ISD believes that families are essential partners in every child's learning. Through collaboration, respect, and shared responsibility, we build a foundation for lifelong learning. Our commitment is to foster culturally and linguistically responsive, two-way communication and purposeful learning-at-home supports so that all children thrive from prekindergarten through kindergarten and beyond.



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1. Facilitate Family-to-Family Support

Purpose: La Joya ISD will create opportunities for families to connect, share experiences, and offer mutual support.

Strategies:

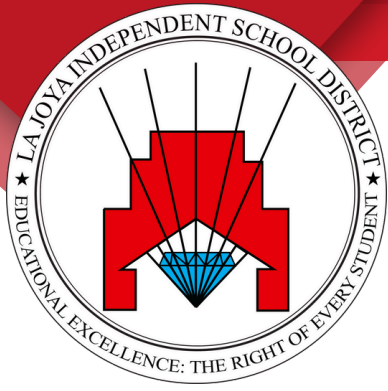
- Host monthly family networking events at the campus level to encourage dialogue and relationship-building.
- Connect families with Ready Rosie Family Engagement: Equips families with interactive, research-based videos and resources that support early learning and development at home. (November 2025)
- Provide Creative Curriculum Parent Playlist: This resource empowers parents to reinforce their child's learning at home through engaging, hands-on experiences that promote critical skills in language, literacy, math, and more. (October 2025)
- PK Round-Up (February - April, 2026)
- PK Book a Tour Event (March - May 2026)
- Parent Communication Modes
 - District Newsletter (By Six Weeks) August, September, November, January, April & May
 - Parent Conferences (2) Fall & Spring Semester
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (3) October 2025 & January & March 2026
 - Surveys (2) Fall & Spring (Parent Conferences)

2. Establish a Network of Community Resources

Purpose: La Joya ISD will connect families with a wide range of community resources to support their children's academic, social, and emotional development.

Strategies:

- Partnership with Hidalgo County Head Start Program: partnership allows for the sharing of students and responsibilities, ensuring that both the district and Head Start work together to meet the educational and developmental needs of the children.
- Literacy Night Events (Fall & Spring Semester)
- Publish and update a Community Resource Guide each semester; host two Resource Fairs per year with 10+ agencies represented.



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3. Increase Family Participation in Decision-Making

Purpose: La Joya ISD will empower families to take an active role in the decision-making processes that impact their children's education.

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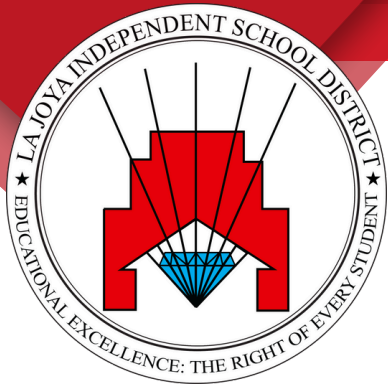
- District Advisory Council (DAC): Council provides families the opportunity to provide input on district policies and initiatives.
- Campus Parent Advisory Council (PAC): Committee works collaboratively to support and improve the school's overall environment and academic achievement.
- Site Based Decision Making Committee (SBDM): Committee offers leadership and advocacy training for families, helping them participate more effectively in school governance.
- School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC): Committee promotes the well-being of students by addressing areas such as nutrition, physical activity, health education, and mental health in schools.
- District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC): Committee collaborates to develop and oversee the district's educational improvement plan.
- Survey families biannually to gather feedback on key decisions and ensure their voices are reflected in district planning.
- Family survey results are reviewed by PAC and SBDM; top three district-wide priorities will be published each spring.

4. Equip Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning

Purpose: La Joya ISD will provide families with resources and strategies to support their children's learning at home.

Strategies:

- Family and Community Liaison: Conduct monthly to deliver a series of workshops and webinars on topics such as literacy, numeracy, and digital learning tools that parents can use at home.
- End of Unit Creative Curriculum Celebrations: Families are invited to visit their child's school and learn about what their child is learning.
- District Newsletter: Share learning kits and online resources that are aligned with the curriculum to encourage at-home learning. Regularly communicate tips, activities, and strategies to families through newsletters, websites, and social media.



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5. Develop Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Practices that Support Families in Meeting Their Children's Learning Benchmarks

Purpose: La Joya ISD will ensure that all staff members are trained in practices that foster positive family engagement and help families meet educational goals.

Strategies:

- Ready Rosie Family Engagement: Provides ongoing professional development for staff on family engagement strategies, culturally responsive communication, and effective partnerships with families.
- Provide professional learning on culturally responsive family engagement and effective communication.
- District-wide strengths-based Professional Development
- Monthly Power Hours Based on current areas of growth
- Highlight teacher 'bright spots' in monthly Power Hours and district newsletters.

6. Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Use Evaluations for Continuous Improvement

Purpose: La Joya ISD will continuously assess the effectiveness of family engagement initiatives and make data-driven improvements.

Strategies:

- District Performance Report during Board Meeting & Campus Curriculum Night
- Parent Evaluations: Conduct regular evaluations of family engagement activities through surveys, focus groups, and other feedback mechanisms.
- Campus Needs Assessment: Informs decision-making, helping to allocate resources effectively, enhance instructional practices, and ensure that the learning environment meets the developmental needs of young children.
- Data Analysis: Analyze data on family participation and outcomes to identify areas for improvement.
- TEA PK Program Self-Assessment: Results help make informed adjustments in our programs to ensure that we are meeting the highest standards of early childhood education.
- Evaluation results to revise the Family Engagement Plan annually and share outcomes with families and the community.



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Transition to Kindergarten

Purpose: Ensure a seamless transition for prekindergarten students entering kindergarten through intentional collaboration and family engagement.

Strategies:

- March - May: Family Orientation Sessions at each feeder elementary.
- February - April: Round-Up and Warm Hand-Off meetings.

Conclusion

The **La Joya ISD Family Engagement Plan** fosters collaboration among families, schools, and the community to ensure student success. Through this plan, the district commits to maintaining strong, meaningful partnerships that promote academic achievement, well-being, and equitable opportunities for all learners.

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