

In adherence with the Texas Education Agency’s House Bill 3 (HB3)

Components of a High-Quality Prekindergarten Program (HQPK) Austin Achieve has created a positive and thriving partnership between our pre kindergarten families, schools, and our community.

Component	Actions
Facilitating Family-to-Family Support	<p>Austin Achieve Prekindergarten program creates a safe and welcoming environment where families can network and learn from each other, participate in educational opportunities designed for families, while growing school/community support systems such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School and classroom volunteering ● School Open House designed to be family-friendly, culturally relevant, and welcoming ● Meet the Teacher Night which facilitates family-to-family interactions and networking ● Principal Coffees or “Cafecitos” which foster positive home/school relationships ● Parent Teachers Organization (PTO’S) meetings ● PALS - Parents and Little Scholars Literacy Training
Establishing a Network of Community Resources	<p>Austin Achieve PK Family Engagement plan is part of a district-wide initiative which builds strategic partnerships by leveraging community resources with nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, businesses, and local community-based organizations, including mental and physical health providers to create a family-friendly transition for students. Organizations will create a network of resources that will directly benefit Prekindergarten families as needed. Some of these resources include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District Online Resource Hub ● District Student Support, Special Education Parent Support, Social Work Services are departments that facilitate student and family needs referrals for basic necessities, student and parent physical and mental health needs.
Increasing Family Participation in Decision-Making	<p>Examples of some of the opportunities prekindergarten families can participate in are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Teacher Organization

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<p>Equipping Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning</p>	<p>Prekindergarten families will be provided opportunities for learning that will enhance activities at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District Online Digital Learning Plan ● Big Day Curriculum/ Every Child Ready Curriculum ● Early Childhood Parent Academy Trainings (Parent Zooms) ● Campus Newsletters ● Classroom Newsletters
<p>Developing Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Practices that Support Families</p>	<p>Prekindergarten teachers will attend professional development training in areas such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Austin Achieve Summer trainings ● Apple Tree Summer Institute ● Ongoing Apple Tree Professional Development ● Campus-based Professional Development (PD) sessions on varying topics
<p>Evaluating Family Engagement Efforts and Use Evaluations for Continuous Improvement</p>	<p>Feedback and suggestions will be sought from families through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District Family Engagement Online Interest Survey ● District parent training and workshop evaluations ● Campus Principal Coffees or family engagement events and activities ● Parent communication via teachers and staff members