Hillcrest PDS Pre-Kindergarten
Family Engagement Plan

Facilitate Family to Family Support
- Creating a safe and respectful environment where families can learn from each other as individuals and in groups.
- Encourage family participation in all pre-Kindergarten events to network with other parents.
- Encourage participation in the campus PTA.
- Provide training to parents to lead the Pre-Kindergarten table during Science Night.

Establish a Network of Community Resources
- Providing translators and translated material in Spanish when needed.
- Annual dental clinic on campus
- Full time LVN on staff.
- Bilingual Counselor on staff.
- Partnership with the YMCA for after school child care.
- Adopt- A- School Partners that provide a variety of resources and services:
  - Baylor University
  - Cameron Park Zoo
  - Cogdell United Methodist Church
  - First United Methodist Church
  - Art Center of Waco
  - Mars Chocolate
  - Home Depot
  - City of Waco Solid Waste
- Provide access to a computer for online school needs.
- Provide a packet of community resources that includes how to receive assistance for but not limited to:
  - Counseling
  - Health and Medication
  - Financial Assistance
Legal Assistance

Increase Family Participation in Decisions Making
- Developing, adopting, and implementing identified goals within the annual campus improvement plan targeting family engagement.
- Using appropriate tools such as surveys or focus groups to gather family feedback.
- Providing each family 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.
- Invite families to attend the Campus Decisions Making Meetings.

Equip Families with Tool to Enhance and Extend Learning
- Providing complementary home learning activities for families to engage with children through information from CLI engage parent page, newsletters, conferences, meet the teacher event, and campus open house.
- Collaboration with families to appropriately respond to children’s behavior in a non-punitive, positive, and supportive way (Conscious Discipline).
- Pre-Kindergarten families will be encouraged to attend learning opportunities to enhance or extend learning including but not limited to Science Night, Literacy Night, Numbers and Nachos, and Reading Night.
- Provide all incoming Pre-Kindergarten families with a Welcome Kit that includes learning activities.
- Provide education information and links of teacher websites for families to access to extend and enhance learning at home.
- Provide all families with a monthly campus newsletter and Home & School Connection Newsletter.

Develop Staff Skills in Evidence Based Practices That Support Families in Meeting Their Children’s Learning Benchmarks
- Collaborate with the district Pre-Kindergarten Instructional Specialist.
- Attend campus based Pre-Kindergarten Professional Learning Community meetings.
• Encourage staff participation in all training specific to Pre-Kindergarten.

Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Use Evaluations for Continuous Improvement

• Providing each family a survey 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.
• Use the survey results to review and revise the campus level Pre-Kindergarten Family Engagement Plan.