## RICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRE-KINDERGARTEN ENGAGEMENT PLAN 2023-2024

Rice ISD is committed to fostering and promoting family and student engagement which, in turn, builds relationships that support student learning and achievement. To accomplish this goal, Rice ISD regularly reviews and improves family engagement through the following types of involvement activities to:

- Facilitate family-to-family support
- Establish a network of community resources
- Increase family participation and decision making
- Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning
- Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks
- Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement.

Rice ISD will facilitate family-to-family support.	Meet the Bulldogs	<ul> <li>Held prior to the start of school year</li> <li>All campuses are open for families to tour, meet the teacher, drop off supplies, etc.</li> <li>Community pep rally held at the football field</li> </ul>	Administrators and Staff
	PK informational meeting	• A time for parents to hear about PK to:	Administrators and PK Teachers

	<ul> <li>Review expectations</li> <li>Discuss learning objectives</li> <li>Answer questions and address concerns</li> </ul>	
ESL Parent Night	<ul> <li>Held annually</li> <li>Addresses relevant topics for English Language learners</li> <li>Provides an opportunity for families of English learners to collaborate and provide input on student services</li> </ul>	Director of Special Programs
Hispanic Heritage Potluck/Loteria Night	<ul> <li>A time for English language learners and their families to share traditional dishes and collaborate with school staff and other families</li> </ul>	Campus Administration/ESL Interventionist/Staff
Award Ceremony	<ul> <li>Held at the end of the year to celebrate successes</li> <li>Parents invited</li> </ul>	Administrators/PK Teachers

	Book Fair	<ul><li>Twice a year/week long event</li><li>Parents invited</li></ul>	Librarian/PTO
	Collaboration with local daycare provider for student drop off and pick up procedures	<ul> <li>Provide time and place daycare to pick up/drop off students each day</li> </ul>	Administration and front office staff
	Music Programs	<ul> <li>Held at Christmas and in the spring</li> </ul>	Music teacher
Rice ISD will establish a network of community resources and strategies for parents.	Information available for community resources		Parents should contact counselors/Dean of Students for assistance  • Tara Podjenski, High School: 903-326-4502  • Kaden Pruit, IMS: 903-326-4190  • Gayle Henson, Elementary: 903-326-4151
	Weekend snack packs, Food Pantry, and Clothing closet	<ul> <li>In a partnership with the North Texas Food Bank, Rice ISD provides weekend snacks for students in need.</li> <li>Rice ISD maintains and stocks a district wide</li> </ul>	Campus Counselor

	food pantry and clothing closet to assist students and families.
TCHATT	<ul> <li>In a partnership with         Texas A&amp;M, students can         receive virtual counseling         sessions with a certified         counselor.</li> <li>All campuses have a         designated room for         sessions to assure         privacy.</li> </ul>
Breakfast and Lunch	• All students in district receive free breakfast and lunch  Food Service Director
Toy and Food Drive holiday season	<ul> <li>Parents submit application for services</li> <li>In collaboration with local agencies and churches, counselors/Dean of Students organize the event, obtain the necessary items, sort by family, and distribute to the families.</li> </ul>

	VOICE Program	<ul> <li>Provides various activities and lessons that address positive choices that lead to a healthy lifestyle.</li> </ul>	Coordinated by Campus Counselor
	Translate all information and correspondence with parents	<ul> <li>Mailout and take home information is translated</li> <li>Website has the capability to change languages</li> <li>Interpreters are available for all parent/family meetings and events</li> </ul>	Designated District Translators
	PK Round-Up	<ul> <li>Early registration opportunities for parents of potential PK students</li> </ul>	Campus Administrators and registrar
Rice ISD will provide opportunities to increase family participation in decision making at both the campus and district	Parent/Family surveys	Surveys will provided at appropriate district level events	Facilitated by administrators, Director of Special Programs, counselors/Dean of Students
level.	District Campus Improvement Committee, Campus Improvement Committee, and Language Proficiency Assessment Committee	Each committee will include a parent member	Coordinated by Facilitated by administrators and Director of Special Programs

	Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)	<ul> <li>PTO membership is available on the elementary campus</li> </ul>	Assisted by campus administration
	School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)	<ul> <li>Meets 4 times a year to discuss pertinent health and safety issues and campaigns</li> </ul>	School nurse /Parents /Students /Staff
	Title I Parent Information Meeting	<ul> <li>Offered two times in the fall</li> <li>Explains Title I funding and parent rights and responsibilities</li> </ul>	Principal
Rice ISD will equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning.	PK Bilingual Meeting/Parent Information Night	Allows parents to understand the bilingual program versus ESL program to make an informed decision about their child's EB support	Administrators/Director of Student Services/Bilingual Teacher
	Parent Communication Folder	<ul> <li>Allows teachers and parents to provide necessary information on a daily basis</li> </ul>	PK Teachers

Parent Newsletters	<ul> <li>Addresses         issues/concerns/         strategies for students of         all ages. Topics might         include (but are not         limited to):</li></ul>	
Literacy Night	<ul> <li>Family-centered reading activities</li> <li>Held in conjunction with fall book fair</li> </ul>	
Math/Science Night	<ul> <li>Family-centered math and science activities</li> <li>Held in conjunction with fall book fair</li> </ul> Administrators/Campus Staff/Community Organizations	

Rice ISD will develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks.	Data Driven Instruction/Observation Feedback (Texas Instructional Leadership Series)	<ul> <li>Administrators         participation in Region         12 Instructional         Leadership Training</li> <li>Weekly scheduled         teacher and         administrator meetings         to review data and plan         for reteach when         necessary.</li> <li>Subsequent meetings to         review reteach data</li> </ul>	Campus Administrators
	PK Circle Testing	<ul> <li>Testing is completed three times per year.</li> <li>Provides data on PK students' early literacy, math, and socio-emotional development</li> </ul>	District Testing Coordinator, Campus Administrators, and PK Teachers
	Staff recruiting and retention	<ul> <li>Teacher Incentive         Allotment         Program to award teacher     </li> </ul>	Campus Administrators

		designations  Designated teachers receive stipends from the state for a period of 5 years	
RISD ISD will evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement	Observation Feedback Information Sources	<ul> <li>District Website         <ul> <li>www.rice-isd.org</li> </ul> </li> <li>District Facebook page         <ul> <li>Rice ISD</li> </ul> </li> <li>Campus and grade level Remind system</li> </ul>	Designated Social Media Staff/Administrators/Teachers
	Family Surveys	<ul> <li>Parent/family surveys will be provided at each event and reviewed</li> </ul>	Administrators/Counselors/ Dean of Students, Teachers