

Waco Charter School Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2022–2023

Statement of Purpose

The EOAC Waco Charter School mission is to serve people in need with compassion, dignity, help those who can to achieve economic independence and ease the pain of poverty barriers.

The Parent Involvement Engagement Plan for EOAC Waco Charter School is used to provide the necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist campus personnel in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

I. Waco Charter School will facilitate family to family support by:

- creating a safe and respectful environment where families can learn from each other as individuals and in groups. During:
 - Open house
 - Parent / teacher conferences
 - Award ceremonies
 - Academic nights
 - Family fun nights
 - Field Day

II. Waco Charter School will establish a Network of community resources and strategies for parents.

- Waco Charter School provides volunteer opportunities for parents, community members, corporate and nonprofit agencies, higher education, and faith based groups. Such organizations include:
 - Volunteer Grandparents and
 - Stars Book Clubs with Antioch Church
- Waco Charter School is committed to providing information to families in the language of their home. Forms, letters and other communications are made available in both English and Spanish. If another language is needed please notify the school at 254-754-8169.
- Waco Charter School is in a collaboration with EOAC Head Start to provide a family-friendly transition for students and their families going from the early childhood setting into kindergarten.

III. Waco Charter School will provide opportunities to increase family participation in decision making at the campus and district level. Through:

- participating in a process to develop, adopt, and implement identified goals within the annual campus improvement plan that target family engagement.
- The review of program practices, policies, and communications and events in order to ensure the program is responsive to the needs of the family.
- The review of the school parent compact
- The use of appropriate tools such as surveys or focus groups to gather family feedback on the family engagement plan.

IV. Waco Charter School will equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning beyond the school day.

- Waco Charter School provides complementary home learning activities to families to engage with children through information from CLI engage parent page, footsteps2brilliance, newsletters, conferences, meet the teacher event, campus open house, and other academic nights.
- Waco Charter School provides pre-K families with information and age-appropriate developmental expectations through the pre-K handbook for parent to staff communication.

V. Waco charter school will develop staff skills and evidence-based practices that support families and meet their children's learning benchmarks.

- Professional development for the pre-K curriculum implemented by Headstart and pre-K teachers is done through the collaboration of EOAC Headstart.
- Professional development for teachers in working with identified Emergent Bilingual students is done through the collaboration of Region 12 Content specialists as well as the campus Emergent Bilingual coordinator.
- Professional development for teachers working with students with identified learning disabilities is done through the collaboration of Region 12 and the campus Special Programs Coordinator.

VI. Waco Charter School will evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement.

- A variety of methods and tools may be used to gather this data such as activity evaluations, focus groups, surveys sent home, online surveys, or items asked on social media outlets.
- Waco Charter School will ensure that pre-K teachers and families play a role in the family engagement implementation and evaluation process.