



Definitions of Family and Family Engagement:

Family: Family includes adult and children significant in the child’s life who support the early learning and development of the child.

Family Engagement: Family engagement is the mutual responsibility of families, school, and communities to build relationships to support student learning and achievement and to support family well-being and the continuous learning and development of children, families, and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated in the child’s educational experience and supports the whole child and is both culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate.

<p>1) Facilitate family-to-family support: Tioga ISD makes every effort to create a safe and respectful environment for all students, including those with disabilities, where families can learn from each other.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-K Roundup • Bulldog Broadcast Network (BBN) • Parent conferences • Peer Assistance and Leadership • Classroom parent/grandparent visitors • Tioga Website: tiogaisd.net • Positive Proof • One Call Now
<p>2) Establish a network of community resources: Tioga ISD in partnership with community and faith based organizations will work together for all students, including those with disabilities, to offer needed provisions for students and their families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angel Tree Program • Coat Program • Hispanics for Hope • Classroom Community Workers presenters/visitors • School Supplies Donations
<p>3) Increase family participation in decision making: Tioga ISD encourages family participation from all families, including those that have students with disabilities, in decision making which will in turn offer support for all stakeholders and promote positive student achievement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher Organization • Tioga District of Innovation Committee • Room Mom Input • Class DoJo
<p>4) Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning: Tioga ISD will create opportunities to enhance and extend learning for all students, including those with disabilities, by offering families age and developmentally appropriate, fun and engaging at home activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-K specific family learning activities • Donuts with Dad • Muffins with Mom • Grandparents Week • Book Fair • Fall Festival • Classroom parties • Go Noodle https://www.gonoodle.com/ • PBS Kids http://pbskids.org/ • Nick Jr. http://www.nickjr.com/ • ABC Mouse Star Fall http://www.starfall.com/ • Storyline Online http://www.storylineonline.net/ • Code.org https://code.org/
<p>5) Provide ongoing professional development opportunities for educators that support families in meeting their children’s learning benchmarks: Tioga ISD values parent involvement for all students, including those with disabilities, and believes in the positive effect of family engagement, as well as, understands the importance of equipping our educators with culturally responsive and evidence-based strategies to support educating the whole child.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 10 trainings • Now4Forever • Prekindergarten Academy • Early Childhood Ed Tech Camp • Teacher Action Research • Teacher collaboration meetings
<p>6) Evaluate family engagement efforts and use results for continuous improvement: Tioga ISD will evaluate family engagement efforts from all families, including those who have students with disabilities, and use evaluations to drive continuous improvement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher/Parent considerations of effectiveness • Review/Revise family engagement plan annually