

**Pecan Creek Elementary  
Denton Independent School District  
Lacey Rainey, Principal  
Community and Student Engagement Survey  
2017-2018**

At Pecan Creek Elementary School, our motto is “Learning Together, We All Grow,” because we know that we only have a few short years to influence those that will lead our communities one day. The faculty, staff, parents, and volunteers in this school seek to work together so that we can help each child reach their fullest potential.

Pecan Creek Elementary has many programs available to nurture the needs of our students. We have agreed upon the following mission, vision and commitments that we believe are necessary to help our learners of today become the leaders of tomorrow.

**Mission:** “Learning together to make our world a better place.”

**Vision:** “We believe that all students have unique potential for learning and succeeding in an ever-changing global society. We will support their social, emotional, and academic growth in a safe, respectful environment.”

**Values:**

- Creativity: We will model creative thinking and honor the creativity we see in students’ work.
- Leadership: We will create opportunities for students to learn and practice authentic leadership skills.
- Curriculum Development: We will model high expectations for learning and involve students in their own learning decisions.
- Advocacy for One Another: We will honor students who exemplify helpful, supportive actions toward others.

**Commitments:**

We will publicly support our children, staff, and school.

We will provide a school environment that promotes learning.

We will model, mentor, teach, and support one another in our professional development.

We will maintain a positive attitude.

We will engage in professional, open, and honest communication that is built on a foundation of trust.

We will implement our pyramid of intervention that will promote student success.

We will constantly seek to grow and develop as professionals.

We will assess each learning standard for mastery with a rubric that corresponds with the grade level standards-based report card.

Evaluation Category	Question Type	Questions	Answer (Yes or No)	Campus Rating
Fine Arts	Compliance	Does the campus provide TEKS-based fine arts courses taught by content specialists to meet state and local graduation requirements including the Arts and Humanities Endorsement?	Yes	Exemplary
	Parent	Does the campus provide multiple opportunities for parents and community members to attend public shows & performances?	Yes	
	Parent	Does the campus provide parents with a variety of evidence for evaluating fine arts programs?	Yes	
	Student	Does the campus provide fine arts students numerous opportunities to interact with arts experts such as through private lessons, clinics, master classes, and university/community arts collaborations annually?	Yes	
	Student	Does the campus provide students with opportunities to promote school and community culture/climate?	Yes	

The Pecan Creek Elementary art teacher and music teacher provide TEKS-based fine arts courses. The opportunities provided to our students to participate in public shows and performances and promote school and community culture/climate include: PTA Reflections Program, Denton Arts & Jazz Festival, holiday performances, Drama Club, Choir/Orchestra performances, district art contests, and an annual fine arts showcase at our campus. Our teachers bring in experts to work with the students and both our music and art teacher are pursuing advanced degrees in their respective fields. Our Fine Arts teachers work collaboratively with parents to develop programs that are beneficial and enriching for our students.

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Wellness and PE	Compliance	Does the campus seek information from parents related to food allergies at the time of new student enrollment?	Yes	Exemplary
	Parent	Does the campus offer opportunities to participate in community health and wellness events?	Yes	
	Parent	Does the campus provide community health and wellness resources and information?	Yes	
	Student	Does the campus provide developmentally appropriate bullying prevention education programming?	Yes	
	Student	Does the campus have procedures in place to assist students and staff during crises?	Yes	

The Pecan Creek Elementary student enrollment packet asks parents detailed information regarding student food allergies. The nurse seeks further information, if necessary. The campus provides health and wellness information to students and parents through various technologies. The physical education teachers organize a yearly Boosterthon and Field Day and incorporate daily lessons to promote student physical activity. The campus counselor organizes and facilitates a bully prevention program and meets with classes to provide anti-bullying programs. The campus has a FRAT (First Responders to Allergy Team) and a BERT (Building Emergency Response Team) in place to assist student and staff during crises.

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Community and Parent Involvement	Compliance	Does the campus welcome parents and community members in planning initiatives?	Yes	Exemplary
	Parent	Does the campus implement programs to increase parent and community involvement including families without currently enrolled students?	Yes	
	Parent	Does the campus have a comprehensive, proactive communication plan to inform community members and parents regarding campus events?	Yes	
	Student	Does the campus provide opportunities for students and parents to be actively involved together on campus?	Yes	
	Student	Does the campus provide students with opportunities to participate in activities that help the community?	Yes	

Pecan Creek Elementary is extremely dedicated to promoting parent and community involvement. Parents are welcome at Pecan Creek Elementary and are highly encouraged to participate in their child's education. The campus has a large Parent Teacher Association (PTA). PTA meetings and events are planned and executed to promote active involvement in the campus. The PTA has a representative serve on the Pecan Creek Campus Leadership Team (CLT) and the CLT has additional representation of parents and community members. Our Fall Festival is offered to all community members to increase awareness and pride of our campus in the local community. Our Pecan Creek Student Council orchestrates opportunities for all students to get involved in and help their community. Teachers and administrators utilize various technologies to promote frequent communication. The most common forms of communication are conducted through School Messenger, Facebook, Remind 101, Freshgrade, Twitter, and newsletters.

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21st Century Workforce	Elementary Compliance	Does the campus guidance curriculum teach students the interpersonal skills necessary for college/career readiness?	Yes	Exemplary
	Secondary Compliance	Do the campus CTE programs include district and community stakeholders in an advisory capacity?	N/A	
	Parent	Does the campus actively cultivate business, community, and university partnerships to support 21st century workforce development?	Yes	
	Parent	Does the campus have systems in place for including parents in their child's preparation for the 21st century workforce?	Yes	
	Student	Does the campus offer enrichment and/or competitive events for the students to reinforce their 21st century workforce skills?	Yes	
	Student	Does the campus host "college days," "career days" or other events for students to show interest in post-secondary education?	Yes	

The curriculum at Pecan Creek Elementary is aligned to the college and career readiness standards to ensure that our students are equipped with the necessary skillset to be productive citizens in a 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce. The Student Reading Inventory (SRI) aligns to these standards and parents receive information regarding how their student's reading level matches particular careers. The campus accepts student interns from a variety of university systems. Systems are in place to communicate with parents regarding 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and students are encouraged to utilize technologies to promote 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. Pecan Creek Elementary's EXPO program offers enrichment events to build and reinforce students' 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce skills. The first Tuesday of each month, the campus has a college day to promote college awareness which includes staff members wearing their college attire and students reading information about various colleges on the morning announcements. The Pecan Creek counselor organizes a school career day and brings in various service-oriented employees to present to the students.

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<b>Second Language Acquisition</b>	<b>Compliance</b>	<b>Does the campus provide yearly LPAC training for all required staff?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>
	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Does the campus provide opportunities for non-English speaking parents to know about student programs in the school and community?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Does the campus provide communication in both Spanish and English?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Student</b>	<b>Does the campus have procedures in place to promote students' exit from BIL/ESL within 5 years of identification in elementary and 3 years of identification in secondary?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Student</b>	<b>Does the campus offer opportunities for students to be exposed to multiple languages to promote second language acquisition?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	

At Pecan Creek Elementary, second language acquisition is valued and promoted through the Dual Language program. During Kindergarten orientation, applications for the Dual Language program are provided to parents. Our Dual Language Committee coordinates events throughout the year to bring together the community for the purpose of supporting the Dual Language Program and cultural awareness. LPAC training is provided to the staff on an annual basis. Communication that goes home is provided in English and Spanish and the marquee is in English and Spanish to provide timely updates for parents. Pecan Creek Elementary has a system in place to promote students' exit from the BIL/ESL program within five years of identification.

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<b>Digital Learning Environment</b>	<b>Compliance</b>	<b>Does the campus conduct annual training for students regarding digital citizenship and acceptable use of technology?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>
	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Does the campus provide technology training and professional development opportunities for all teachers, parents, and community members?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Does the campus provide a public Wi-Fi signal that parents and guests can use to connect to online resources?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Student</b>	<b>Does the campus utilize specialists in instructional technology to engage teachers and students with technology integration?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Student</b>	<b>Do the campus teachers actively leverage technology to engage students in the learning process?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	

The Pecan Creek Elementary Librarian provides annual training for students regarding digital citizenship and acceptable use of technology. She differentiates the lessons so they are age appropriate for all grade levels. Additionally, at the beginning of each school year, the newly revised Student Code of Conduct and Technology Acceptable Use Policy are distributed to students and parents. Teachers are provided opportunities throughout the year for on-going professional development in technology. This includes professional development applicable to a classroom setting, as well as new district-based programs. All district campuses provide public Wi-Fi access. Our campus Instructional Technology Specialist provides ongoing support and practical ways to integrate technology in all content areas. Teachers at Pecan Creek Elementary are at different levels of technology integration; however, all teachers utilize the available technology to engage learners. The Campus Leadership Team is dedicated to enhancing our technology program through the purchasing of devices and the training of staff and students.

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Dropout Prevention Strategies	Compliance	Does the campus have a system of intervention ( <i>Response to Intervention</i> ) for supporting all students?	Yes	Exemplary
	Parent	Does the campus direct parents to research/information regarding the relationship between poor attendance and drop-out rates?	Yes	
	Parent	Does the campus provide opportunities for parents that reinforce the importance and value of education to students' futures?	Yes	
	Student	Does the campus have a systemic plan for maximizing attendance/minimizing absenteeism?	Yes	
	Student	Does the campus utilize age appropriate opportunities to engage students in college and career readiness activities to increase graduation rates/prevent dropouts?	Yes	

At Pecan Creek Elementary, we have several proactive strategies to support students. Our RTI committee meets once a month to discuss the academic progress of struggling students. Each grade level maintains student tracking spreadsheets and teachers are expected to document interventions for all third through fifth grade students who were not successful on STAAR and all Kinder through second grade students that are progressing on the SEL/ELI and Kathy Richardson assessments. Universal screeners such as SRI, iStation, and Think Through Math are utilized to monitor movement between tiers. All data is documented in AWARE (Eduphoria). At the beginning of each school year, all grade levels host Back to School events designed to inform parents about the importance and value of education. We address the relationship between poor attendance and academic difficulties through ample communication with parents. Parent and student nights are scheduled throughout the year to highlight the importance of content specific careers such as S.T.E.A.M.

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Education Programs for Gifted and Talented Students	Compliance	Does the campus have a systemic plan to ensure that Gifted and Talented teachers meet the professional learning standard for new teachers (30 hours) and for annual updates (6 hours)?	Yes	Exemplary
	Parent	Does the campus provide parents with the opportunity to participate in meaningful experiences related to the education of gifted students?	Yes	
	Parent	Does the campus provide parents with opportunities to participate in the nomination/consideration of students for gifted and talented services?	Yes	
	Student	Does the campus provide opportunities for gifted and talented students to participate in extracurricular activities that reinforce a variety of academic and creative skills?	Yes	
	Student	Does the campus provide a variety of instructional and support services for gifted and talented students?	Yes	

The DISD Coordinator of Advanced Academics maintains all records to ensure that Gifted and Talented teachers meet the professional learning standard for new teachers (30 hours) and for annual updates (6 hours). The campus EXPO teacher provides a campus-based parent night and the district provides a district EXPO parent night. Parents and teachers are encouraged to nominate students for evaluation to participate in the Denton ISD G/T program (EXPO). Parents are informed of this opportunity at fall conferences. All students, including Gifted and Talented students, are provided opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities that reinforce a variety of academic and creative skills. Pecan Creek Elementary provides enrichment for Gifted and Talented students through a pull-out program two times per week. Students complete independent study projects and various enrichment activities deemed appropriate by the district-appointed EXPO teacher.

