

# Family Engagement

*Systemic and Innovative*



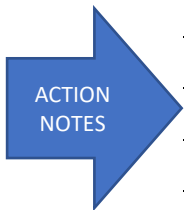
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## Systemic Family Engagement

Access full document <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/fe-guide.pdf>

### Principles for Family Engagement




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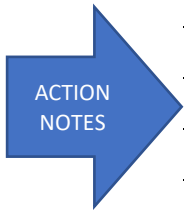


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## Innovative: Farmer's Market




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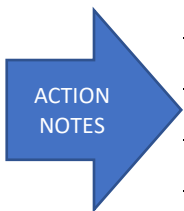
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## Innovative: Family Advocacy




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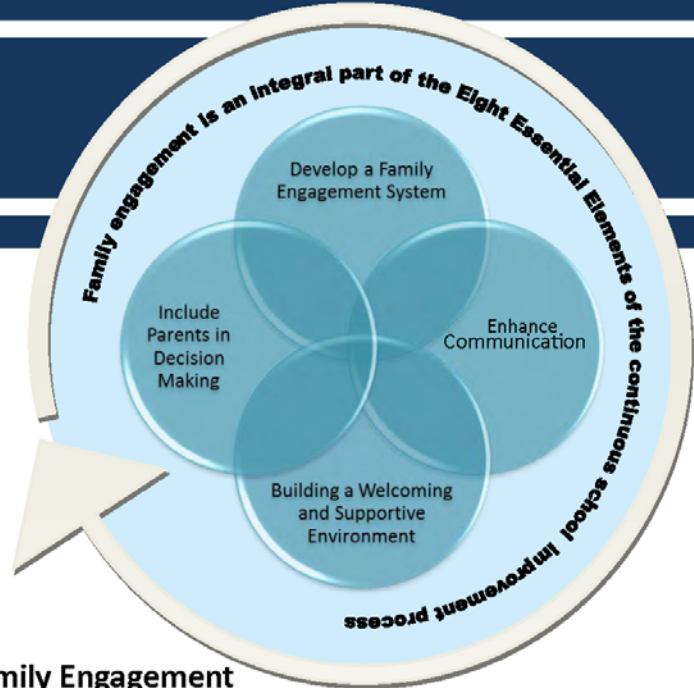


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## How to engage families cont.

Districts and schools partner with families by developing family engagement systems, building welcoming and supportive environments, enhancing communication and including parents in decision making. The ways families are engaged occur on a regular basis and are seen across the 8 Essential Elements of effective education. When families, communities, and schools partner to build educational and support systems for children, those systems are stronger and more effective.



## Principles for Family Engagement

### Develop a Family Engagement System

#### Standards Summary:

- Includes a shared vision that drives policies and practices
- Connects to district and school improvement process
- Coordinates and integrates into existing structures and processes
- Families' socio-cultural, linguistic, and educational needs are incorporated into improvement plans
- Provides support and guidance from leaders from development to implementation
- Allocates/reallocates resources
- Collects and utilizes data
- Builds capacity
- Partners with families
- Collaborates with community organizations

### Build a Welcoming and Supportive Environment

#### Standards Summary:

- Acknowledges a shared responsibility for learning and healthy development of students
- Establishes relational trust
- Reaches out to families to support student learning and healthy development
- Responds to student and family needs
- Effectively engages families from diverse backgrounds
- Builds on family assets (*strength-based*)
- Shares student accomplishments with his/her family

### Enhance Communication

#### Standards Summary:

- Promotes ongoing meaningful two-way exchange of information
- Ensures communication is clear and constructive
- Commits to making sure communication is accessible to all and in the languages of families
- Provides various approaches in which communication is relayed to families
- Provides information pertaining to parental rights
- Communicates about how families can enhance learning and healthy development, including information about their students' and schools' progress
- Communicates district/school/classroom policies and practices

### Include Parents in Decision Making

#### Standards Summary:

- Empowers parents to be involved
- Solicits input from families includes parents in the district/school continuous improvement process
- Jointly develops and reviews programming for families to support learning and healthy development
- Engages parents to participate in problem solving discussions related to their child