

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