



# Guess What? We're Engaged!

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# The Engagement Party

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# What is Family Engagement?

- Reflecting a systemic approach to education from birth to young adulthood, this definition consists of the following principles:
  - First, family engagement is a **shared responsibility** in which schools and other community agencies and organizations are **committed** to reaching out to **engage families in meaningful ways** and in which families are committed to **actively supporting** their **children's** learning and development.
  - Second, family engagement is **continuous** across a child's life and entails enduring **commitment** but changing parent roles as **children mature** into young adulthood.
  - Third, effective family engagement cuts across and **reinforces learning** in the multiple settings where **children learn**— at home, in prekindergarten programs, in school, in after school programs, in faith-based institutions, and in the community.

## Why Family Engagement?

- Family engagement is associated with reduced drop-out rates and higher graduation rates.
- Family engagement leads to increased student achievement.
- Family engagement can reduce absenteeism.
- Family engagement encourages students to have better attitudes towards learning.
- Family engagement leads to better social skills and less conduct problems.





## Why Family Engagement?

- Family engagement is associated with higher expectations.
- Family engagement can lead to better student-teacher relationships.
- Family engagement helps improve trust in schools.
- Family engagement leads to more cultural competence.

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## National PTA Standards for Engaging Families

- Welcoming all Families into the School Community
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with Community



## Welcoming All Families into the School Community

- Families are active participants in the life of the school, and feel welcomed, valued and connected to each other, to school staff and to what students are learning and doing in class.



## Communicating Effectively

- Families and school staff engage in regular, meaningful communication about student learning.



## Supporting Student Success

- Families and school staff continuously collaborate to support students' learning and healthy development both at home and at school, and have regular opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively.



## Speaking up for Every Child

- Families are empowered to be advocates for their own children, to ensure that students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success.





## Sharing Power

- Families and school staff are equal partners in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence and create policies, practices and programs.

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## Collaborating with Community

- Families and school staff collaborate with community members to connect students, families and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services and civic participation.



How do we get to happily ever after?

Within a group of shoulder partners, brainstorm ways to keep your relationship with families exciting and rewarding utilizing the National Standards.



## Pop the Questions



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