

Family-School Partnerships

Overview

Strong family-school partnerships support student success by fostering shared responsibility for learning; improving academic and social-emotional outcomes; and building trust between families and educators.

“Strong, trusting relationships among families, schools, and communities lay the foundation for all other efforts to succeed.”

(Henderson et al, 2022, pg 106)

“There is a difference between ‘random acts of family engagement’ and understanding family engagement is a strategy toward whole-school improvement.”

(Mapp, 2023)

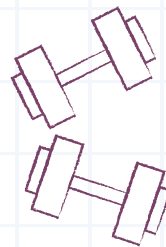
Why Family-School Partnerships?

Systemic and robust family-school partnerships are an evidence-based strategy to increase academic achievement, social emotional outcomes, retain teachers, and build healthy communities.



Parental involvement is a critical ingredient for their child's academic success.

Family-school partnerships are important from early childhood through adolescence.



The strongest associations are found when families have high academic expectations for their children; develop and maintain communication with their school; and help their children develop reading habits.

Only 28% of teachers believe they have the skills to help families feel valued or heard.

28%

Districts Should

- ★ Build and sustain family-school partnerships
- ★ Engage families as partners in supporting student learning and development
- ★ Promote shared leadership by actively engaging families in decision making

So that

- ✓ Authentic two-way communication creates trusting relationships and deeper understanding.
- ✓ Family-school partnerships are transformative at both the personal and institutional level.
- ✓ Meaningful family-school partnerships are sustained through resources, leadership, support, and infrastructure.