

WHAT IS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT?

The Office of Head Start, Administration for Children and Families defines family engagement in its Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (PFCE) Framework:

“Family engagement is an interactive process through which program staff and families, family members, and their children build positive and goal-oriented relationships. It is a shared responsibility of families and professionals that requires mutual respect for the roles and strengths each has to offer. Family engagement means doing with — not doing to or for — families.”

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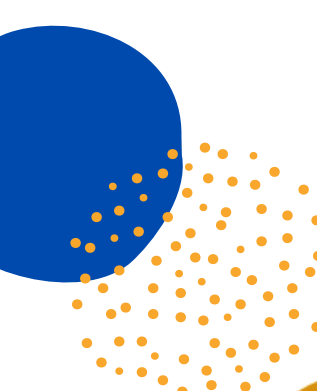


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*When **FAMILIES** are involved
in their children's **LEARNING**
both at **HOME** and school,
children do better
in **SCHOOL.***

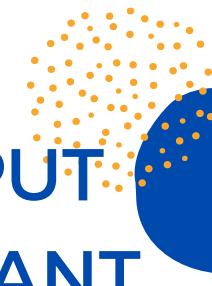
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12 WAYS YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND LIFE.

- 1 GET INVOLVED**
When parents are involved in their child's learning, their child is more likely to earn better grades, show improved behavior, and attain higher educational goals.
- 2 EVERYONE CAN DO IT**
No matter your income, ethnicity, work schedule, or education level, we can help you find ways to learn with your child and nurture their love of learning.
- 3 YOU ARE NOT ALONE**
Having a strong social support network with other parents can help you navigate school and life. Library programs are a great place to meet other families who may share your same interests and challenges.
- 4 FIND YOUR CHILD'S PASSION**
She loves dinosaurs. He loves dragons. Help them find what they love at the library. The library is a great place to nurture your child's interests outside traditional school subjects and keep their minds growing.
- 5 ALL ADULTS MATTER**
Two parent, one parent, grandparent, you name it. All moms, dads, and other caring adults can have an impact when they get involved in a child's education.
- 6 COMMUNICATE WITH US**
Talking to teachers and library staff about your child's interests and struggles will help us serve you and your child better. Your librarian wants to hear from you!
- 7 LET LEARNING HAPPEN EVERYWHERE**
Children only spend about 15% of their awake time in school. Your library is a place for them to keep learning. So are parks, museums, street fairs, and more!
- 8 PLAY (AND LEARN) TOGETHER**
The library has programs you and your child can enjoy together. Ask the library staff what's happening!
- 9 WEAR LOTS OF HATS**
Parents serve many roles for their kids—home teachers, advocates, school volunteers, and more. The more ways parents participate, the better for student achievement.
- 10 START EARLY AND KEEP GOING**
When parents get involved early in their child's education, the results are more pronounced and long-lasting. Your library is here to help from birth through college graduation and beyond.
- 11 PUT US TO THE TEST**
Media options for your family are overwhelming! Tell the library staff what you and your child are most interested in, and we'll give you our expert recommendations for quality books, movies, music, and more.
- 12 HELP YOURSELF BY HELPING YOUR CHILD**
Parents gain confidence, advance their own learning, and expand their support networks when they become involved in their child's education. Your library wants to help your whole family thrive!



YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT



Easy Ways to Provide Input:

- Contact or visit your school's Family Liaison
- Check out the **Monthly Parental Involvement Newsletter** posted on the District Webpage
- Read the **Parental Involvement Plan** on the District Webpage
- Attend a **CONNECT Parental Involvement** meeting
- Apply to serve on the **CONNECT Family Engagement Committee**
- Provide feedback to your school's administration
- Participate in parent surveys



CONNECT
Family Engagement Committee
Every **family**. Every **student**. **Matters.**