

MiFamily Engagement Centers

Family Engagement
Framework: Connecting with
families during conferences

Family Engagement Principles

Relationships are the Cornerstone of Family Engagement

- Offer getting-to-know-you meetings in smaller, informal settings.
- Make relationship-building home visits.
- Co-design with families a pre-school-elementary school transition program.
- Create welcoming spaces in the program and schools.
- Learn the names of all families.
- Develop parent advisory committees.

How can teachers promote family engagement?

Meet The Student

MY NAME IS: _____

About Me: _____

My Favorites: _____

Game: _____
Food: _____
Subject: _____
Movie/TV Show: _____
Book: _____
Activity: _____

Three Words that Describe Me:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Dear Teacher, _____

You will love my _____
I work best when _____
I want you to know _____
I'm really good at _____
I want your help to get better at _____

All About My TEACHER

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Hi! My name is Mrs. Fiddle and I will be your 1st grade teacher this year! I love teaching and have taught for the past 5 years at Brighton Elementary. We are going to have so much fun this year!

A little about me

- Went to App State
- Married to Peter
- Have a 1 year old girl
- Beagle named Chuck
- Always wanted to teach

My favorites

- Dark chocolate
- Nails
- Coffee
- Love App football
- Chipotle
- Hiking
- My dog

Contact info

- Text/Call 395-856-9847
- fiddle@brighton.edu

Please contact me at any time!
I will respond as soon as I am able.

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Develop a warm environment to help families feel welcome in the classroom and throughout the school community. Work to better understand the assets of your students' families by engaging them in conversations. Parent teacher conferences is a great time to do this.

Get to know your parents with these valuable questions.

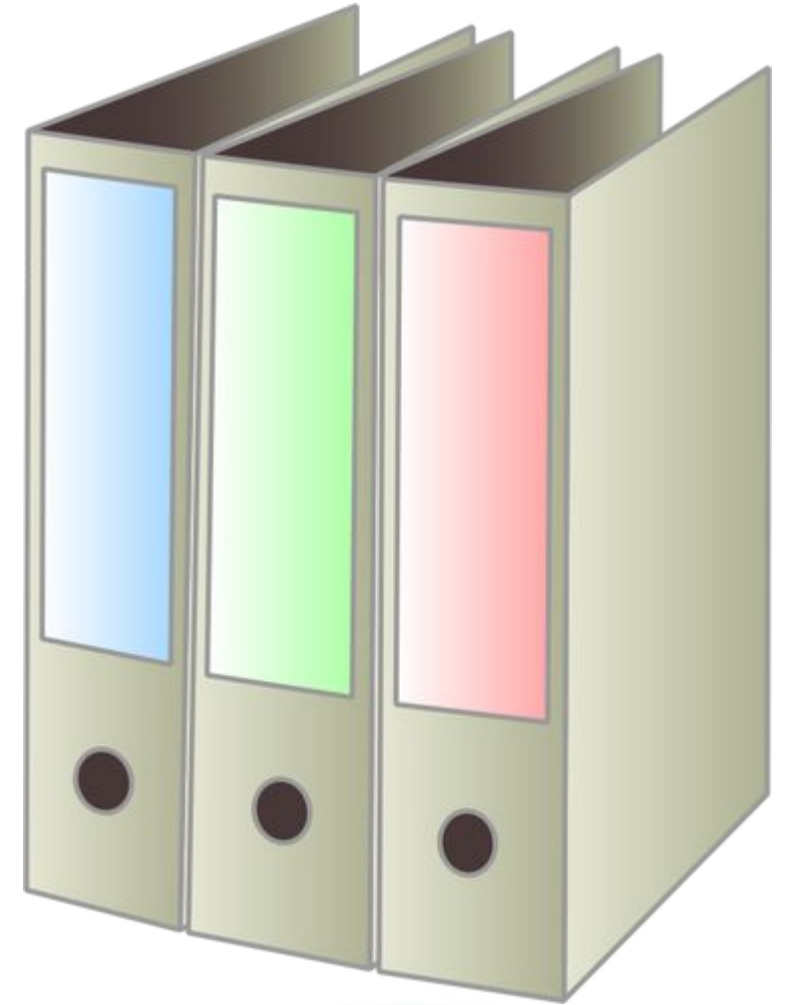
1. What do you see as your child's greatest strengths or skills? Tell me about a time when you saw your child demonstrating these skills.
2. Next June, what do you hope your child says about his/her experience in school this year? What's the story you hope he/she will tell?
3. What was your experience like in this grade? How do you remember that year of school?
4. What are your fears or concerns about your child in this year of school?
5. How and when would you like me to be in touch with you this year? What do you hope I'll communicate with you about?
6. Is there anything else you can tell me about your child that you think would help me support his/her learning?
7. Is there a question you hope I'll ask you about your child?

Send these [questions](#) home with your conference paperwork. Ask that they be returned together or place them on the back of the form. You will get a good idea about how parents see their child as a learner and also how the parent relates to school. This will help guide how you present information at your conference.

Keep these questionnaires in a folder near the phone or computer. Before you make a contact, read it over, adjust your conversation as needed.

Parent binders allow for all information to be in one place

Suggest that parents keep a binder with all of the information that you send home. To make it easier hole punch the pages before sending them. Do a social media binder drive and collect as many binders as possible to distribute to families. This will keep parents informed and also save you time from repeating information.



What is your hope?




Provide a large sheet of paper for parents and students to write their hopes for the school year. Keep it posted and refer to it throughout the year. This is your “WHY”.



PEOPLE DON'T CARE
HOW MUCH YOU KNOW
UNTIL THEY KNOW HOW
MUCH YOU CARE.

∞ ♥ T. ROOSEVELT



**“Be a little
kinder than you
have to.”**

–E. LOCKHART

You have to be intentional. Family engagement is a strategy, not a goal.

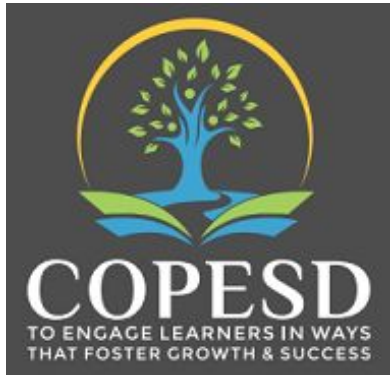
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"Passionately promoting healthy family, school and community relationships that will help to develop successful students and citizens."

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Please fill out this brief survey to help me serve you better.



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