

Implementing best practices for family engagement

A guide for educators

Include families in learning

Encourage parents to be present in the classroom to share their backgrounds and experiences. Build this participation into the learning process.

Incorporate cultural awareness

Use language and imagery that are both accessible and culturally inclusive to create deeper meaning with students.

Growth-focused and strengths-based communication

When engaging with families one-on-one, focus on a balanced, growth-oriented approach. Share both positive and constructive feedback, with an emphasis on strengths and next steps. If you need to address challenges, aim for a 3:1 ratio of positive to critical feedback. Highlight what a student can do to improve or recover from a situation, alongside insights that reflect their strengths and potential. This fosters a productive, supportive dialogue.