

Family Engagement Activities: Home-Site Connections



Family Initiated

At School District or Program Management Level

- Attend school and program trainings on how to support your child's progress through family engagement activities and home-based academic enrichment activities.
- Get involved in local community programs and events as volunteers and participants.
- Learn about community resources, services and opportunities that can the success of your child and family.

At School or Program

- Attend school and program enrollment and orientation sessions.
- Let teachers and program staff know your preferred way and language for communicating about your child's progress - do you prefer phone calls, emails, or written communications?
- Attend school or program events that offer opportunities to connect with other families to share goals, information, ideas, and support.
- Request conferences with the school or program to learn about your child's progress or when you have questions or concerns.

At Home

- Write down your family values, goals and dreams – keep a journal on your family's progress.
- Create structures and routines that promote growth and learning like reading to your child and limiting TV watching and video games.
- Use daily activities with your child at home that support the healthy development and learning goals for your child.
- Communicate with teachers and program staff about questions or concerns you have.
- Model a commitment to learning by promoting lifelong learning and pathways to college.

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School/Program Initiated

At School District or Program Management Level

- Conduct an annual assessment to understand family and staff needs for effective home-site connections.
- Create family volunteer opportunities.
- Create an awards program to recognize family engagement successes by staff and families.
- Develop collaborative partnerships with community-based organizations, local business, educational institutions and others to leverage resources to support healthy, engaged families.

At School or Program

- Integrate the SCCOE Early Learning Master Plan Family Engagement & Leadership Principles within your school or program policies, practices, and professional development.
- Provide opportunities for participation, leadership, and co-learning team building between families and staff.
- Provide families with the knowledge to understand the importance of engagement to their child's success.
- Provide families opportunities to share what resources, support, and training they believe will help them become more confident, active leaders in their child's school and community.

At Home

- Introduce families to child development, ages and stages of development and core academic standards to promote supportive practices at home.
- Give families regular communication about their child's activities and progress in their preferred language and way of communication.
- Recognize families as assets in strengthening relationships with families.
- Share data, learning frameworks, and best practices with families to reinforce high expectations for program/school quality and success.



Family Engagement Activities to Support School and Home-Based Academic Enrichment Activities: Using Foundations of Preschool and Common Core Standards

At the District

School-Initiated Activities

- Create a comprehensive district volunteer program that includes participation in county-wide trainings with parent engagement stakeholders and trainers.
- Conduct an annual needs assessment to identify parent training needs.
- Schedule year round parent engagement trainings that include school and home-based academic enrichment activities.
- Evaluate parent engagement program impact on student performance.
- Create an awards program for parent leaders.

Family-Initiated Activities

- Participate in county-wide trainings with parent engagement stakeholders and trainers.
- Complete a district's annual needs assessment to identify parent training needs.
- Attend and support the development of district and school-based parent engagement trainings that include school and home-based academic enrichment activities.
- Review the results of the program and the impact on student performance.
- Participate in an awards program for parent leaders.

At School Level

School-Initiated

- Using a value shield chart, guide parents to list values and illustrate an effective parent engagement volunteer program at the school.
- Provide teacher trainings on how to develop a classroom parent volunteer program that includes a job description for parents, a classroom volunteer contract for parents to sign, and a parent observation form to observe students when completing school-based academic enrichment activities that can be reinforced at home when parents play with their children.
- Train parents in how they can support a parent volunteer program in the classroom using academic enrichment kits with scripts and train student ambassadors to guide small group academic kit activities while parents observe students and support learning.
- Schedule parents to complete six sessions of the classroom parent volunteer program using preschool foundations and common core standards.
- Organize an awards event with a certificate for each parent that completes six sessions in the classroom parent volunteer program.

At School Level *Continued*

Family-Initiated

- Using a value shield chart, parents can list values and illustrate an effective parent engagement volunteer program at the school.
- Review a job description for a parent volunteer, sign the classroom volunteer contract, and complete parent observation forms when observing students completing school-based academic enrichment activities that can be reinforced at home when parents play with their children.
- Participate in the parent volunteer program in the classroom using academic enrichment kits with scripts and observation forms.
- Complete six sessions of the classroom parent volunteer program using preschool foundations and common cores standards.
- Participate in the school's awards event for completing six sessions of the classroom parent volunteer program.

At Home

School-Initiated

- Train parents on how they can significantly impact their child's learning and career planning.
- Provide examples of how parents can partner with the schools at various leadership levels including participation in the classroom.
- Demonstrate and give examples on how parents can use preschool foundations and common core standards to support their child's learning at school and through play at home.
- Demonstrate and give examples of daily activities at home that can reinforce academic learning in all subject areas.
- Provide parents with community resources that can support academic learning.

Family-Initiated

- Participate in trainings on how parents can significantly impact their child's learning and career planning.
- Participate as a parent leader at the school and in the classroom.
- Use preschool foundations and common core standards to support a child's learning at school and through play at home.
- Use daily activities with a child at home that can reinforce academic learning in all subject areas.
- Use community resources with a child that can support academic learning.