

Peer-to-Peer Conversation: Family Engagement Best Practices

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Elementary: How We Connect with Families

* Adult Zumba class
* Registration
* SUN Showcase (student performances 4 times/year)
* Student pick up time
* Parent STEAM Events
* Voice messenger system
* Showcase of activities that will offered *before* enrollment
* Cooking class for parents
* Movie Nights
* Carnivals (beginning & end of the year. Students come and play games; open stage available)
* PTA/PTO meetings
* Food pantry

Middle and High School: How We Connect with Families

* Text messages (Remind101, Celly, etc.)
* Email
* Autodialer
* Flyers
* Home Visits
* School announcements; school websites
* Fundraisers
* Family Nights
* Phone calls
* Facebook/Twitter/Instagram

Elementary: Meaningful Family Engagement Opportunities

* Parent/Teacher Conferences
* Afterschool staff in classrooms as teacher assistants/aides
* Involve parents in decisions (examples: What classes are offered? What field trips would you like us to take?)
* Wednesday Folders (provides parents with information about school events and community offerings)
* Back-to-school supply giveaway during registration
* Partner with community (Self-Enhancement Inc. & Early Kindergarten Transition, for example)

Middle and High School: Meaningful Family Engagement Opportunities

* School Activities/Events
  + Conferences
  + Back to School Nights
  + Holiday events
  + College prep
  + Music/arts
  + Sports
  + Registration
* Family Nights
* STEM Camps
* High school prep/transition activities (from middle school)
* Parent Classes
* Food Pantry
* Volunteer opportunities