

If you would like to become more involved in your school, there are a variety of options. There are 6 main types of family engagement and all have a valuable place in education: parenting, communicating, volunteering, learning at home, decision making, and collaborating with the community.¹ Even though there may be barriers to overcome, remember: your voice matters and is needed!

Tips & Practices

Come as a Partner

- In a positive partnership the family and school both benefit.
- Good partners each have a valuable voice, strengths, & want students to succeed.

Establish Strong Relationships

- What relationships do you already have at the school?
(ex. *your student's teacher, another family at the school, or a caregiver*)
- Build trust in relationships through consistent communication.
- Look for opportunities to strengthen existing relationships and create new ones.

Share Your Skills

- What skills do you have that you're willing to share?
- How could your skills benefit the school and students?
- Discuss these ideas with someone at your school & find a beneficial way to partner.

Examples of How Parents Are Involved

- PTA/PTO
- Afterschool program
- Classroom volunteers
- Parent to Parent Liaison

Sample Questions for Families to Ask the School

*Feel free to adapt these questions to better fit your family's needs

- What are some current needs at the school?
- How have families partnered with the school in the past?
- Who should I talk to if I would like to help with _____?
- Is there a Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) at this school? When do they normally meet?

Links to More Information

- [¹Joyce Epstein's 6 types of Family Engagement](#)
- [School, Family, & Community Engagement Framework: Family Version](#)



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