



Transforming Family Engagement SYLLABUS

Course Information

Title: Transforming Family Engagement

Duration: 5 hours (self-paced)

Continuing Education Units: 0.5 CEU

Audio in this course is closed-captioned.

Course Description

General Description: This course is intended for teachers of preschool and kindergarten classes and first, second, and third grades who are interested in offering more meaningful, more powerful opportunities for family engagement.

This course guides teachers through three aspects of transforming family engagement: general information about building positive relationships with families, ways to optimize the time spent with families when they come to their children's school, and ways to help families support and extend children's learning outside of school. Teachers will learn how to plan and host effective family conferences, including methods for following up after the conference; how to lead adult-learning events for either short presentations (10 minutes) on specific topics or longer workshop sessions (60-90 minutes) covering more content; and how to engage families who have limited ability to visit their children's school.

This course content was created in conjunction with the ReadyRosie™ family engagement platform.

Learners completing this course will receive a training certificate of achievement.

Learning Objectives: Teachers completing this course will be able to

- use a range of strategies to create a welcoming atmosphere and environment for families, including families who join the class mid-year;
- intentionally plan for formal, scheduled interactions with families as well as prepare for meaningful spontaneous interactions;
- create opportunities for building relationships with all families, including those who either cannot come to school during the school day, who cannot come often, or who cannot come at all;
- offer strategies and tips for families to create literacy- and mathematics-rich environments and support and extend learning at home and the many places that families go; and
- utilize each family's hopes and dreams for their children to better support children's development and learning.

Course Structure: This online course is available through the Develop area of *MyTeachingStrategies*®. The course is divided into three modules.

- 1) Building relationships with families
- 2) Engaging families at school
- 3) Encouraging learning at home

Each interest contains 8 learning experiences that present information in a variety of formats, including tutorials (slideshows, videos, interactives, and articles), excerpts from *The Creative Curriculum*® foundation volumes, and application exercises that require learners to reflect on their own practice and apply their new knowledge.

The course includes a pre- and post-course survey to measure learners' knowledge at the beginning of the course and at the end of the course, as well as a downloadable study guide. Within the tutorials, knowledge check quizzes help reinforce learning.

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Learners who successfully complete all 24 tutorials in this five-hour (300 minutes) course, correctly answer all knowledge check questions, complete all interactives, and thoughtfully complete the extended response applications will earn 0.5 Continuing Education Units (CEU).

Course Requirements

Teaching Experience: This course is designed for preschool, kindergarten, and primary grade teachers at all levels of experience, from those who are just starting their practice to those seeking to refine their knowledge and skills.

Program/Classroom Application: The course includes a number of exercises that require learners to consider their own experience, reflect on their own philosophies and beliefs, and practice using the skills and concepts covered in the course content.

Course Materials: Prior knowledge of *The Creative Curriculum*® foundation volumes—including *Objectives for Development & Learning, Birth Through Third Grade*—is helpful, but not required.

Technical Requirements: Each learner will need access to a computer or tablet with an up-to-date web browser and operating system. The *MyTeachingStrategies*® professional development platform is compatible with the following web browsers: Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Internet Explorer, and Safari. Some activities within the course include PDF documents that learners can download. These documents require Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available for download at <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>.