



7 Essentials for Transformative Family Partnerships

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1.	<p>Demonstrate value and respect for families A strengths-based approach to family partnerships is displayed by accessibility, consistency, and collaboration.</p>	
2.	<p>Honor all languages spoken by families Linguistic and cultural capital must be the first thing we think about in family relationships, not an afterthought.</p>	
3.	<p>Co-create to center family's perspectives By consistently co-creating with families, we confirm their leadership role and present an experience that is current and meets real needs.</p>	
4.	<p>Harness data to tell the story of improved outcomes A child's experiences outside of school should contribute to their overall data story to inform instruction and support academic goals.</p>	
5.	<p>Model family interactions Modeling presents powerful parenting information as a "window" instead of a lecture. Modeling also allows families to see multiple aspects of positive parenting practices that are not easily communicated through text alone.</p>	
6.	<p>Link family engagement activities to classroom learning All family engagement efforts should begin and end with child outcomes and program goals. Transformative family engagement is linked to learning and child development, which is how we measure ultimate success.</p>	
7.	<p>Personalize programming for individual needs and questions While many parenting topics are universal, there has to be the opportunity for personalization based on individual child and family needs.</p>	
Bonus	<p>Make ALL learning joyful and play-based While nurturing and raising children can be challenging, it can also be one of life's greatest joys. Both family partnerships and classroom learning must inspire those joyful interactions.</p>	