



Family Engagement Practices and Initiatives: Core Principle 7: Ensuring Sustainability

Definition

Effective family engagement is an ongoing, iterative process that requires intentional planning and evaluation. Sustainable family engagement requires the necessary personnel and fiscal resources to ensure success, the coordination of activities and initiatives across the school, and the creation of feedback loops across all stakeholders, including families, to inform the work.

What does it look like in practice?

- a. The school has a family engagement action plan that incorporates specific steps and activities, ongoing evaluation, and data analysis to support a cycle of continuous improvement.
- b. Family engagement has been included as a part of the Continuous Improvement Plan at both the school and superintendency levels.
- c. The school emphasizes the use of knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to create consistent and intentional impact on the school and family connections.
- d. The school ensures that there are adequate resources (both fiscal and personnel) to support meaningful and effective family engagement strategies that have the power to impact student learning and achievement.
- e. All family engagement activities are coordinated across classrooms and supported by state, district, and school leaders. For this to occur, educators need a framework that can support and sustain family and community engagement practices.