



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Franklin CSD recognizes the positive impact engaged family members have on the academic success of our students. **Family Engagement** at FCS is defined as family members, administration, teachers, and support staff working together to foster and improve the learning, development, and well-being of all students. We ask that all stakeholders take on the following responsibilities as a team working together for the greater good.

Administrators

- *Establish the value of family engagement by communicating the larger district philosophy to faculty/staff, families, and larger school community.*
- *Foster and communicate to families that the district has their child's best interest in mind and they have a voice in our processes.*
- *Create document(s) designed to be shared with faculty/staff, families, and the larger school community about family engagement. This could also include other items such as educational program changes, information on student safety, and state regulations.*
- *Hold school event(s) that feature information about family engagement.*
- *Provide time and confidential locations during staff days for family engagement.*

Family Members

- *Communicate with the teacher when your child is struggling or there are concerns.*
- *Update contact information annually or when changes occur that include addresses, home numbers, and emails.*
- *Check and access resources used by the teacher like take home folders, planners, homework hotline, PowerSchool, and/or Dojo.*
- *Create a routine and procedure at home for completion of schoolwork.*
- *Participate in activities created by the teacher that require family involvement.*

Teachers

- *Be the initiator of communication to families.*
- *Call, email, and/or meet face to face with parents to discuss both concerns and successes.*
- *Respond to family communications in a timely manner.*
- *Keep classroom website, homework hotline, and/or PowerSchool updated and current.*
- *Follow through on family engagement strategies throughout the year, not just at the start of school.*

Support Staff

- *Be approachable to all family members.*
- *Politely direct parents to proper channels to express concerns.*
- *Support classroom rules/expectations when interacting with families.*
- *Be polite, helpful, and positive when interacting with parents*
- *Regularly communicate about students with classroom supervisor.*

Students

- *Responsible for using their agendas/planner to record assignments and communicate assignments to parents.*
- *Participate in honest conversations with parents about school homework completion, behavior, and grades.*
- *Learn to login into PowerSchool, check your own grades, and help parents do so as well.*
- *Embrace open communication between parents/guardians and school without blocking or manipulating these efforts.*
- *Seek help from a teacher when needed.*

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES