

DEFINING FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

This activity explores four definitions of family engagement that will spark ideas and a deeper understanding as you develop your own!

Work with a team or as an individual to create a working definition of family engagement that showcases a shared goal and vision for building family engagement for all! Keep in mind, this definition will evolve as your efforts grow and needs change.



STEP 1: Explore these definitions of family engagement. Take note of the ways the address the what, who, how, and why of family engagement.

Dr. Karen Mapp

"A full, equal, and equitable partnership among families, educators, and community partners to promote children's learning and development from birth through college and career."



"Family engagement is not an initiative nor is it a race. Family engagement is a commitment to change school culture and, as such, is ongoing and never ending."

Dr. Steven Constantino

National PTA

"A shared effort of families, schools and community leaders to advance programs, practices and policies that empower families to make their child's potential a reality."



"The shared responsibility of parents, teachers, and the community to help students succeed in school and beyond."

Dr. Joyce Epstein

CREATE YOUR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT DEFINITION

STEP 2: Start to build your working definition of family engagement. Consider the what, who, how, and why as you think about your unique needs and opportunities.



What?

Who?

How?

Why?

STEP 3: Using your what, who, how, and why ideas, create your family engagement definition below. Remember, this is a working, living definition that can change and evolve as needs and opportunities change and evolve!



Your Family Engagement Definition:

