

Family Engagement Literature

Books

Powerful Partnerships: A Teacher's Guide to Engaging Families for Student Success
By Karen L. Mapp, Ilene Carver, Jessica Lander

Amazon Barnes and Noble Scholastic

Everyone Wins! By Karen L. Mapp, Anne T. Henderson, Stephany Cuevas, Martha Franco, Suzanna Ewert

Amazon Barnes and Noble Scholastic

Engage Every Family: Five Simple Principles by Steven Constantino, Elliot Schiff, et al. Amazon Barnes and Noble

Family Activism: Empowering Your Community, Beginning with Family and Friends by Roberto Vargas

Amazon Barnes and Noble

■ Beyond the Bake Sale: The Essential Guide to Family/School Partnerships by Anne T. Henderson, Karen L. Mapp, et al.

Amazon Barnes and Noble The New Press

School, Family, and Community Partnerships by Joyce L. Epstein and Steven B. Sheldon Amazon Barnes and Noble

Articles and Short-form Resources

Migh Impact Family Engagement (Connecticut Department of Education)



Websites

<u>DualCapacity.org</u> - The Dual Capacity-Building Framework site presents a research-based model for strengthening family–school partnerships, organized around four core capacities—Capabilities, Connections, Cognition, and Confidence. It outlines essential conditions and policy goals to foster equitable, trusting, and asset-based collaboration, and features community tools such as version updates, peer learning networks, and practitioner resources to help districts implement continuous improvement in family engagement.



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Reframing Family Engagement - Search Institute has identified six mindset shifts that reframe and re-energize how schools and organizations partner with families. Use 6 Shifts: Where Is Your School or Organization? to reflect on your school or organization's default mindsets, which can surface starting points for refreshing your partnerships with families.

California Department of Education Family Engagement Toolkit - The Family Engagement Toolkit by the California Department of Education, developed in collaboration with WestEd and county offices of education, emphasizes the importance of equitable, research-backed partnerships between educators and families to improve student outcomes and close achievement gaps. It provides practical, continuous-improvement tools—grounded in the Dual Capacity-Building Framework and aligned with state and federal policies (like ESSA and LCFF)—to guide districts and schools in engaging diverse and underserved families more effectively.

<u>Family-Facing Professionals</u> - Published by the National Association for Family, School, and Community Engagement, the Core Competencies include the knowledge, skills, and dispositions that family-facing professionals bring to forming strong family, school, and community partnerships.