

## Family Engagement Practices for Academic Achievement

### **Welcoming environment (*Family Event*)**

Engaging pre-event contact  
Marquee notice and parking lot guidance  
Name tags, reserved seating with teacher  
Welcome  
A *common language* about family engagement  
Translators

### **Sense of urgency presentation (*Baseline Data*)**

Large, readable grid of class-wide reading and/or math scores  
Visual markings where all children need to be to pass AIMS  
Personal notice where the family's child scored on class wide grid  
The value of family engagement explained

### **Immediate Engagement (*Your Child's Prescription*)**

Initial family engagement training by classroom teacher(s)  
Specific growth needs for each family's child  
Hands-on experience in sessions to support reading and/or math (3 per year)  
Take-home assignment materials  
Scheduled reporting back to parents on individual student's progress

### **Coaching and support for home learning (*At-home roles*)**

Work together at home on prescribed assignments with school provided materials  
Maintain logs on student interaction with assignments and return to teacher each week  
Progress updates from teacher to parents  
Families encouraged to observe reading and/or math in child's classroom at any time  
Families can always meet with teacher at any time.

### **Celebrate the family engagement results (*Growth Data*)**

Progress of school-wide family engagement compiled  
School and community presentation  
Results presented at the next year's initial family engagement event

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#### **Links for highly relevant additional information:**

- Creighton Schools, Arizona: (2 family engagement "how-to" videos)  
<http://www.creightonschools.org/departments/communityed/videos.php>
- Harvard Family Friendly Schools: <http://www.familyfriendlyschools.com/EngageProcess/index.htm>;
- Harvard Family Friendly Research Project: <http://www.hfrp.org/publications-resources/browse-our-publications/academic-parent-teacher-teams-reorganizing-parent-teacher-conferences-around-data>