More than 30 years of research indicates that family engagement is key to student achievement, which is the primary goal of the Legislature, the Department of Education, and the 17 school districts. The Advisory Council has been established to build the scaffolding necessary to unify various federal and state requirements for family engagement implementation, assessment, and accountability. (AB224 & NRS 385.600)

Standards for family engagement were developed based on decades of research. Nevada’s state and district policies are based on these six standards. The Advisory Council continues to build the framework for family engagement based on these six standards.

The Advisory Council will provide researched and effective family engagement practices to schools and districts. Current knowledge and research on family engagement will be shared through a database of resources to help inform classroom and school practices. FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IS KEY TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
Effective Classroom Family Engagement Practices Based on the Six Standards

**WELCOMING ALL FAMILIES**

- Welcome families and students back to school.
- Offer families opportunities to meet with the teacher.
- Communicate with families in their preferred language.
- Share information about school policies and procedures.
- Respond to families' concerns in a timely manner.

**COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY**

- Use a variety of communication methods (e.g., phone calls, emails, social media).
- Provide families with easy-to-understand information.
- Keep families informed about school events and activities.
- Respond promptly to families' inquiries.

**SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS**

- Set clear expectations and communicate them to families.
- Provide families with opportunities to observe their child's learning.
- Share student progress with families on a regular basis.
- Involve families in decision-making processes.

**SPEAKING UP FOR EVERY CHILD**

- Encourage families to speak up for their child's needs.
- Provide a safe and supportive environment for families to express concerns.
- Address families' concerns in a timely and effective manner.
- Follow up with families after conversations.

**SHARING POWER**

- Empower families to take ownership of their child's education.
- Provide families with opportunities to participate in decision-making processes.
- Encourage families to share their ideas and expertise with the school.
- Recognize families' contributions to the school community.

**COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNITY**

- Engage with community partners to support family engagement.
- Provide families with opportunities to connect with community resources.
- Foster a collaborative relationship with families.
- Celebrate families' cultural diversity and contributions.

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Effective Practices have been restated from many high quality resources on Family Engagement. Please see the list of references on the website. For additional information on best practices in family engagement, please see: [www.NevadaPIFE.com/programs-initiatives](http://www.NevadaPIFE.com/programs-initiatives)