

FJ Young Pre K Family Engagement Plan

Family engagement is the mutual responsibility of families, schools and the community to build relationships that support student learning and achievement. Family engagement supports family well-being and the continuous learning and development of children, families and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated in the child's educational experience and supports the whole child and is both culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate.

Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high achievement for our children. Neither home nor school can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. FJ Young recognizes and encourages parents in the four key roles that they play in their children's learning as:

- Teacher - helping their child at home,
- Supporter - contributing their skills to the school,
- Advocate - helping their child receive fair treatment, and
- Decision Maker - participating in joint problem-solving with the school.

Family Engagement Goal	Strategies
1. Facilitate family to family support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social events for families to connect with one another <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the teacher • Monthly parent informational meetings • Fall Festival • Open House • Thanksgiving presentation • Christmas party and program • Santa Reading night • Mother's Day Tea • Field Trips
2. Establish a network of community resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize campus contacts to identify needs and refer families to appropriate resources • Share list of community resources
3. Increase family participation in decision-making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with families to solve challenges for their student • Survey families at the end of each school year
4. Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide parenting tips in the areas of literacy and numeracy through campus communication • Provide information about and access to myOn digital library so that children have access to online books • Share activities with parents through CLI
5. Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent-Teacher conferences • All Pre-Kindergarten teachers will attend minimum of 30 hours of professional development during the school year
6. Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make end of year survey available to collect feedback from families and use the information in planning the following school year • Keep record of family participations/attendance of school events • Log communications with families • Meet with teachers and administrators at the end of the year to evaluate the engagement plan and use the family survey information in planning for the next school year