

Ten things schools can do to create great family-school partnerships

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Host a "welcoming School Walk-Through" with teachers, school leaders, parents, and community members to help school staff see their school the way parents and visitors see it.

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Give families tools to support their children's learning.

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Create a comfortable family resource room inside the school building where families can meet, get to know each other, and discuss their interests and concerns.

4

Design two "family engagement" activities each term to help families participate more effectively in improving their children's learning.

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Exhibit student work in school and throughout the community to share student learning with families.

6

Reach out to all families, especially those who are typically underrepresented (through social, economic and/or language barriers) to learn what they have to offer the school.

7

Using surveys, visits, and conversations, find out what parents' goals are for their children.

8

Organise tours of the community for school staff to get to know families and neighbourhoods better.

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Hold literacy sessions for parents and teachers to support student learning outcomes.

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Develop monthly family contact logs for teachers with families' telephone numbers, so teachers can be in touch with parents at least once a month.



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