

Is My Child's School Family-Friendly and Family-Engaged?

1. Are you greeted by school staff when you enter the school? Is your child greeted?
2. On the phone, when you say you are a parent, are staff friendly?
3. Can you easily reach your child's classroom? Are there signs indicating its location?
4. Does your school have a parent resource room? Do you feel comfortable using it?
5. Do the teacher and school use different methods to contact you (In person, by phone, paper, or electronically)?
6. Are you contacted in your preferred language?
7. Do you receive regular notes, newsletters, or classroom updates from your child's teacher?
8. Do you receive information about programs that can help your child succeed, such as tutors or after school programs?
9. Is the school respectful of various roles and circumstances of families? Is respect shown for single parents, grandparents, godparents, foster parents, or other family caregivers?
10. Are written materials free of jargon and available in your preferred language?
11. Are parents viewed as equal partners in the educational process?
12. Does the school try to schedule events so that you can easily attend?
13. When you attend a school event, are there signs posted telling you where to go? Are the signs in various languages?
14. Do you have a copy of the school's student and parent handbooks? Has any time been spent showing you how to use it? Is it in your preferred language?
15. Are you greeted for parent teacher conferences? Does someone help you find your way around the school or are there signs to help with this?
16. Are you introduced to other engaged parents at your child's school?
17. Does the school ask for your feedback regarding classes, programs, family engagement activities, or overall impressions about the school environment?
18. Is information available regarding interpreters?
19. Is the school's website easy to follow? Can you find information about your student's subjects, teachers, other school personnel, and student achievements?
20. Is there a meeting place or person where you can go and discuss concerns regarding the school?