

Where do I start?



Begin by using this tool to reflect on the current state of family engagement in your district. This quick self-assessment is designed to help you identify the highest leverage way for your district to start strengthening family engagement. Use this to reflect on your system's current mindsets, messaging, and infrastructure for engaging families. If you want to go deeper on any section, spend some time exploring that section of the Family Engagement Roadmap.

Remember - it's not a scorecard, it's a starting point.

Build your Foundation: Core Beliefs

- How does our system demonstrate that we believe that all families, regardless of background or circumstance, have the desire and ability to support their child's success?
- How do we take into account family and community voices when making decisions?
- What are some examples of how families are seen as partners and decision-makers in our district over the past year?

If the answers to these questions are not clear, we recommend starting with *Core Values*. This section explores foundational beliefs that are critical to supporting strong, system-wide family engagement.

Gather your Coalition: Making the Case

- In what ways is family engagement recognized in our system as a driver of student achievement?
- How do our senior leaders and school board talk about its impact on attendance, academic growth, and graduation?
- What are some examples of we highlight the impact of family engagement through data, stories or personal experiences?

If the answers to these questions need strengthening, we recommend starting with *Making the Case for Family Engagement*. This section offers guidance on using data, stories, and strategies to build buy-in across your district.

Take the Next Step: Family Engagement in Action

- What evidence-based strategies are we leveraging to put our family engagement beliefs into practice?
- How are we leveraging resources, staffing, and policies across our system to support family partnerships?
- What are some examples of how family engagement is embedded into core functions across the school system?

If your system is ready to go from ideas to action, we recommend starting with *Family Engagement in Action*. This section highlights proven strategies, toolkits, and implementation guides.