



SFUSD SAN FRANCISCO
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our Vision for Family Engagement

All families are meaningfully engaged to support students from preschool through high school in their learning, growth and development. SFUSD students graduate ready for college and careers, equipped with the skills, capacities, and dispositions necessary for 21st century success.

Core Values for Family Engagement

These core values shape our commitment to engage families as partners.

- ❖ **Families are the first and most influential teachers of their children.** Respecting and welcoming all families into the school community supports the academic achievement of all students.
- ❖ **SFUSD welcomes families as advocates for their children's success.** We know that some students have been underserved, and we are committed to welcoming families as partners in their children's education.
- ❖ **Student achievement is supported by positive relationships** among students, staff and families, and by engaging all members of the school community to resolve conflict, repair harm and prevent punitive discipline.
- ❖ **Engaging families across the diversity of our student population requires intentional actions**, to build understanding and inclusion for all ethnicities, languages, socioeconomic backgrounds and family structures.
- ❖ **Collaborative leadership and shared decision-making strengthens our schools** and improves our services to students and their families.
- ❖ **Providing families with access** to information, community resources and support services **is essential to supporting student success.**
- ❖ **Engaging families is a shared responsibility.** SFUSD holds ourselves accountable to lead and support collaborative efforts with community partners to engage and empower our students' families.

SFUSD's Goals

1. **Access and Equity:** Make social justice a reality by ensuring every student has access to high quality teaching and learning
2. **Student Achievement:** Create learning environments in all our schools that foster highly engaged and joyful learners and that support every student reaching her or his potential
3. **Accountability:** Keep our promises to students and families and enlist everyone in the community to join us in doing so

Our Standards for Engaging and Empowering Families

1. **Supporting Strong Relationships:** *Schools welcome and respect families, build community among diverse family populations, and actively engage family members to resolve conflicts and repair harm.*
2. **Facilitating Two-Way Communication:** *Schools actively reach out to hear from families. Communication processes are clear to families and encourage a mutual exchange of information and perspectives.*
3. **Linking to Learning:** *Families are encouraged and supported to be involved in their children's learning at home and at school.*
4. **Valuing Diversity:** *Schools respect and affirm the value of students' diverse cultures, backgrounds and family structures. School site and district staff demonstrate and promote cultural competence.*
5. **Speaking Up for Every Student:** *Families are empowered to be advocates for their own and other children, to ensure that students are treated fairly and have equitable access to learning opportunities.*
6. **Sharing Power and Decision-Making:** *Families are encouraged and empowered to participate in formal and informal structures for making decisions about their children, schools, and the district.*
7. **Connecting Families to Community Resources:** *Schools help families access useful community resources and services.*

SFUSD's standards were adapted from national, research-based models to reflect the needs of our diverse student and family populations, in collaborative discussions among district staff, parent leaders, and community partners.