Our Vision for Family Partnership
We work in partnership with all families to support students to discover their spark, a strong sense of self and purpose. Each and every student will graduate from high school ready for college and career and equipped with the skills, capacities and dispositions outlined in SFUSD’s Graduate Profile.

Core Values for Family Partnership
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 each and every student.

- 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.

- Partnership with families across the diversity of our student population requires intentional actions, to build understanding and inclusion for all ethnicities, languages, socioeconomic backgrounds, family structures and learning differences.

- Collaborative leadership and shared decision-making strengthens our schools and improves our services to students and their families.

- Providing families with access to timely and accessible information, community resources and support services is essential to supporting student success.

- Being in partnership with families is a shared responsibility. SFUSD holds ourselves accountable to lead and support collaborative efforts with our community to work in partnership with 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 Family Partnerships and Empowerment
1. **Building Authentic Relationships**: Schools welcome families, and actively reach out to include and hear from them. Communication processes are clear to families and encourage a mutual exchange of information and perspectives.

2. **Linking Student Learning Between Home and School**: Families are encouraged and supported to be involved in their children’s learning at home and at school.

3. **Creating an Inclusive and Equitable School Community**: Schools respect and affirm the value of students’ diverse cultures, backgrounds and family structures. Staff demonstrate and promote cultural humility. Schools build community among families across differences, and actively engage family members to resolve conflicts and repair harm.

4. **Sharing Power and Speaking Up for Every Student**: Families are encouraged and feel empowered to advocate for children. Families who reflect and represent the school’s student population participate in formal and informal structures for leadership and governance, and ensure students are treated fairly and have equitable access to learning opportunities.

5. **Supporting Families to Navigate SFUSD and Access Resources**: Schools provide information in multiple languages and support families to navigate SFUSD systems including the enrollment process, Special Education and other services, and help families access 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.