



Transform School Communities with the Updated Standards

Advancing Family-School Partnerships Since 1998

The National Standards for Family-School Partnerships have transformed family engagement across the country for over 20 years. The Standards give schools and PTAs guidance on how to improve family-school partnerships and set the bar for best practices in six key tenets:

- Welcome All Families
- Communicate Effectively
- Support Student Success
- Speak Up for Every Child
- Share Power
- Collaborate with Community





New & Improved

So much has changed with educational trends, family engagement and community demographics since the Standards were last updated in 2008, including the need for enhanced transparency and more equity-centered practices. This has required schools and families to strengthen their relationship.

The updated Standards include the same six tenets, with impactful changes that ...

- ✓ Incorporate **research and best practices** since 2008
- ✓ Reflect the **perspectives of nearly 600 families**, principally from underrepresented communities and identities, as well as educators and youth
- ✓ Are **more useful** for the education system and PTA leaders
- ✓ Increase focus **on diversity, equity and inclusion**
- ✓ Expand the approach to student success to include **whole child development**
- ✓ **More clearly define roles** for PTA leaders and school leaders

There's a role for everyone

School board members can **set the vision** and imagine what effective family-school partnerships should look like in your community.

State education agencies and district officials can **create policies and practices**. Bring the standards to life in schools.

Principals can **set expectations and disseminate tools, templates and resources**. Support educators in fostering meaningful relationships with families.

Educators can **build bridges between children's home lives** and school lives. Connect families to school life and embrace the skills and experiences students' home lives produce.

Parent leaders can use the standards to **collaborate and advocate for change**. Push the community for impactful implementation of the standards.

"There could not be a more urgent time for families and schools to work together to support our students' success academically, socially and emotionally, and promote learning environments where students feel safe, supported and ready to learn."

— Anna King, National PTA President

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