



Santa Maria Joint Union
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Family and Community Engagement Update

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About us...

The Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Program provides a wide range of supports designed to empower families and strengthen school-home-community partnerships:

- **Workshops, events, and trainings**
- **Family Resource Center**
- **Immediate connections** to trusted local agencies
- **District-wide translation and interpretation services**
- **Home visits**

*Our mission is to **remove barriers and build bridges** between home, school, and community.*



Programs and Services

English

- ESL
- Burlington English
- Rosetta Stone

Math

- Family Math Nights

Science

- STEM
- Family Science Night

History

- Civic Engagement

Health

- Nutrition and Well-being

Special Education
Information Nights

Pathway to College

Digital Literacy

Financial Literacy

Small Business Development

Day of the Dead

Hispanic Heritage
Celebration

Black History Month
Celebration

Data Confirmation

Parent Tech 101

Mental Health

Family Leadership

LCAP Parent Advisory
Community

Mixteco Parent
Advisory Community

Parent Virtual
Academy

Family Engagement
Program

Parent Conferences

Interpretation and
Translation services

Home Visits

Immigration Resources

Food Pantry

School supplies

Clothing

Student Community
Service Hours

Community Referrals

Highlights for 2024-2025

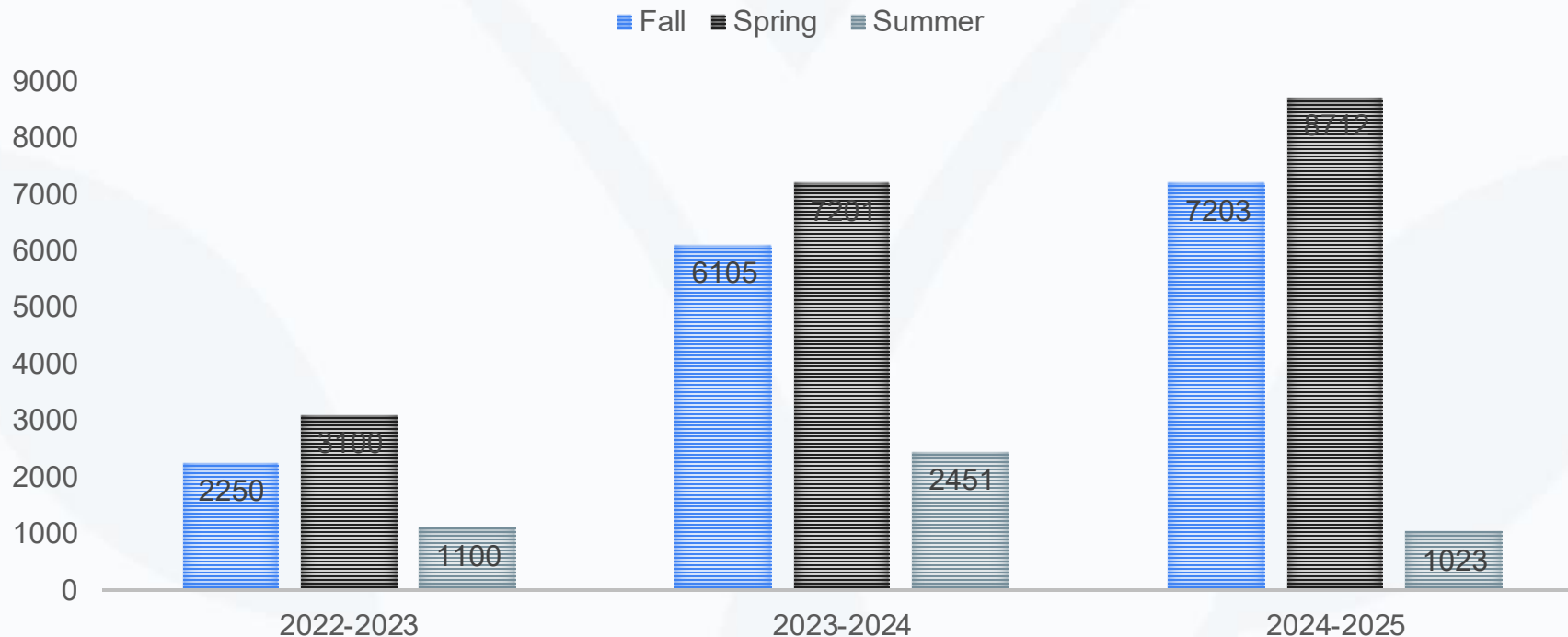
- Parent Technology Support 101
- Summer AERIES Data Confirmation Support
- Family Leadership Program
- Parent Conferences
- Immigration Resources

Family Needs and Input

Need/Concern	What Families Said
College & Career Readiness	“I want to help my child apply, but I don’t understand the steps.”
Mental Health & Teen Wellness	“We need support for our kids who are anxious, isolated, or struggling emotionally.”
Language Access & Cultural Respect	“Sometimes we get messages in a language we don’t understand.”
More Evening/Weekend Programs	“We work long hours—we can’t come during the day.”
Ongoing Communication	“We want regular updates—not just when there’s a problem.”

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Parent Participation Data



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Community Partnerships

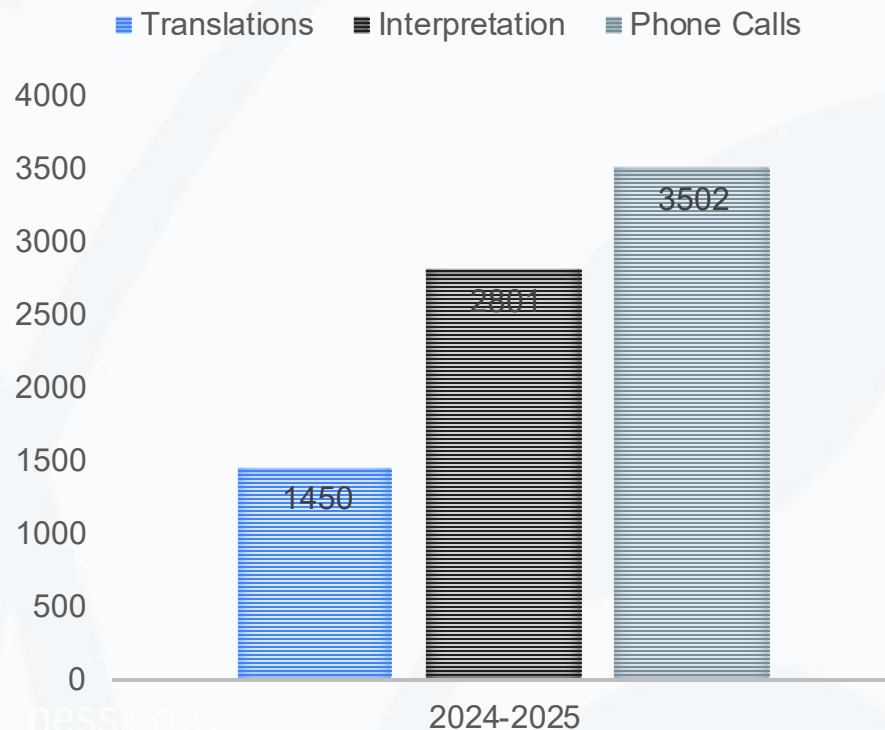
- Allan Hancock College
- CAPSLO
- Children's Resource Network
- City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks
- Cross Cultural Communication
- Fresno State Parent University
- NAACP
- Parent Institute for Quality Education
- Parenting Matters Consulting
- Santa Barbara Food Bank
- Santa Maria Bonita School District
- Translation and Interpretation Services
- United We Lead Foundation

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Interpretation and Translation Services



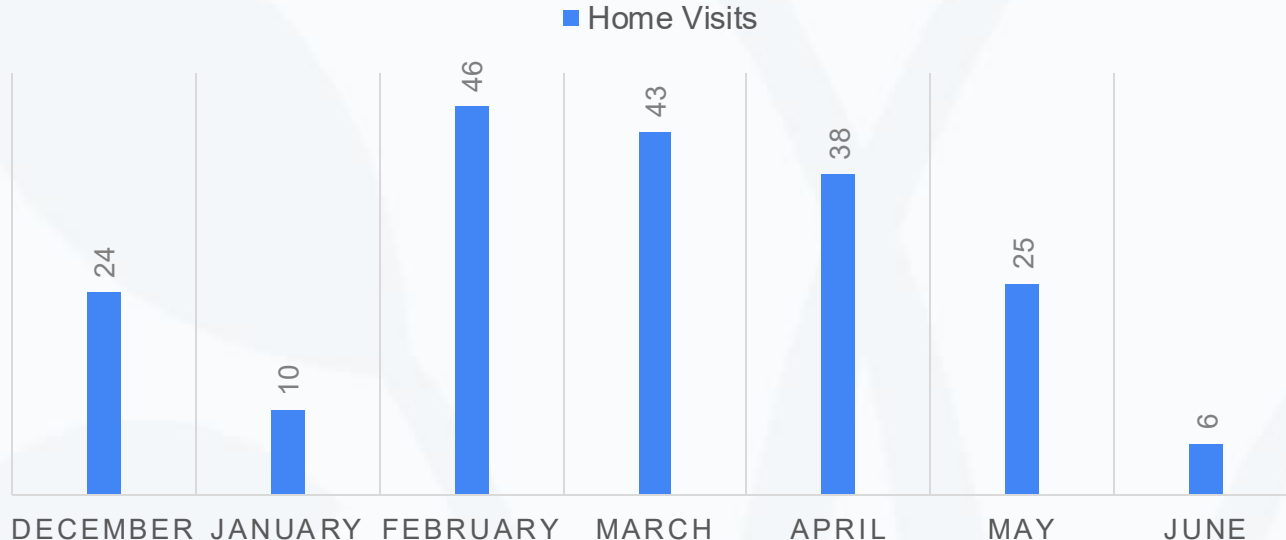
- The District maintains a comprehensive language access infrastructure, including a centralized system for translation and interpretation requests and a team of bilingual/ multilingual staff to support equitable communication across all sites.
- Staffing Updates



District School Community Liaisons



Targeted home visits across all school sites. These visits are more than check-ins—they are a powerful intervention to combat chronic absenteeism, rebuild trust, and ensure that every student feels seen, supported, and connected to their school community. This work continues to be a cornerstone of our district's family engagement strategy.



**Spring
Total
192**

Measuring Impact

Quantitative Metrics

- Parent event attendance
- Feedback
- # of interpretations
- Referrals
- Home visits completed

Qualitative Indicators

- Parent Voice
- Trust building
- Empowerment growth
- Stronger school relationships

Alignment to District Goals

- LCAP / State Priority
- Supports district-wide equity initiatives by ensuring language access and trust-building with historically underserved communities.

What's New for 2025-2026 SY

- Mental Health Parent Classes
- AERIES Data Confirmation
- Parenting Support Classes
- Mixteco Parent Advisory Community

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Questions?