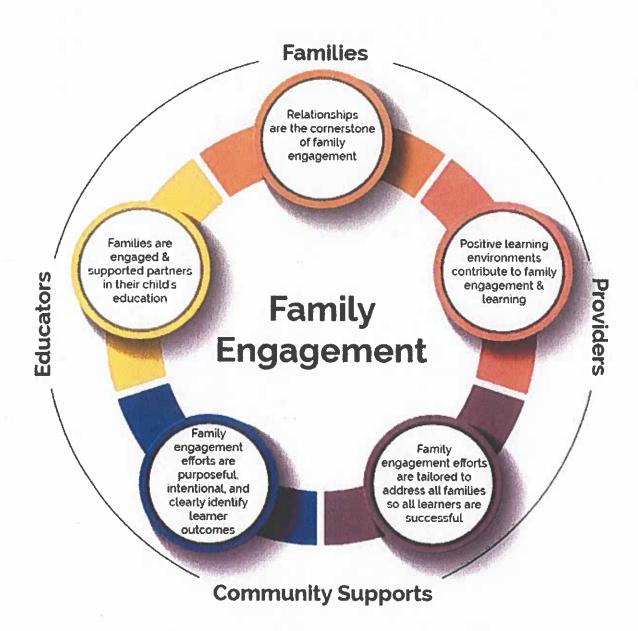
Parent Engagement Manual

CALHOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Calhoun County Public Schools believe:



Family Engagement Principles

Relationships are the Cornerstone of Family Engagement

- Offer getting-to-know-you meetings in smaller, informal settings.
- Make relationship-building home visits.
- Create welcoming spaces in the program and schools.
- · Learn the names of all families.

Families are Engaged and Supported Partners in their Child's Education

- · Peer-to-peer family groups.
- Volunteer opportunities.
- · Linking families to community resources.
- Provide leadership opportunities for families.
- Parent-Teacher Communication
- Student-led conferences.
- Curriculum showcases.

Family Engagement Efforts are Purposeful, Intentional, and Clearly Identify Learner Outcomes

- Share how families can engage children in interactive play, reading, and hands-on math activities that promote problem-solving.
- Invite families to visit the after-school program, meet staff, and join the activities.
- Host "classroom visits" for families to see firsthand what their kids are doing in class and how the classroom is set up for linking learning to current events:

Family Engagement Efforts are Tailored to Address all Families so all Learners are Successful

- Talk about the skills that will help children upon their transition to kindergarten and discuss children's progress with families regularly.
- Explain your school or program's high achievement goals and ask families about their ideas to help their kids reach them.
- · Seek barriers and remove them.

Positive Learning Environments Contribute to Family Engagement and Learning

- Provide opportunities for parent and student input on Title I school-parent compacts to make them more personalized.
- · Respond to what students say about social and emotional issues.