

# Parent Engagement Manual

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**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.*