



QUALITY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Reflection

Part 1: Questions to Consider (Beginning)

Are we inviting feedback from all families in our district? If so, are we asking the right questions to truly understand their obstacles and challenges when it comes to engaging with their child's education? Brainstorm obstacles to family engagement in your school.

- *What is your school/district vision for family engagement?*
- *Have you asked families what their concerns and priorities are? What solutions do they propose?*
- *How might you invite families to be a part of the decision-making process in your school?*
- *How does the language used with family communication reflect the school's desire to engage families as equal partners?*
- *How can we use the cultural experiences of families as an asset to school events?*
- *What obstacles are in place for families that do not feel engaged in the school process?*
- *Does your school always invite families to the school setting or are there opportunities to go into the families' community?*

Part 3: Questions to Consider (After)

1. Which family opportunities might work best for your school?
2. What opportunities already exist within your community for schools to engage with families?
Are there cultural festivals or fairs where the school could set up a booth and have a presence?
3. How would creating engaging family opportunities allow you to better understand the students in your school?
4. What barriers exist that may inhibit you from successfully implementing an activity you've chosen?