

Types of Family & Community Connections with Schools

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A New Wave of Evidence: The Impact of School, Family, and Community Connections on Student Achievement (2002)



Fostering Parenting Skills

Strategies that assist families with parenting skills and help create home conditions to support student academic achievement

Promoting Shared Decision Making

Strategies that include families and community members as partners in school decisions

Expanding Family, Community, and School Communication

Strategies that help promote effective two-way communications among schools, families, and community members or groups

Coordinating Resources and Services

Strategies that unite efforts and programs to provide services for families, students, school, and community

Fostering Volunteer Support

Strategies that organize and support family and community members in their efforts to support the school and its students

Supporting Youth Development

Strategies that provide services for students, such as health and physical development, creative expression, and leadership development

Supporting Learning Outside School

Strategies that involve families and partner organizations to support learning in a variety of settings other than the classroom

Expanding Community Development

Strategies that assist involve the school in community planning and decision-making as a community institution, as well as create opportunities for the community to utilize the school's resources