

## ***“Families and Schools – Perfect Partners for Student Success”***

### **Resources that Can Support the National PTA Standards**

#### **National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships**

These standards offer a framework for how families, schools, and communities should work together to support student success.

- National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships:  
<http://www.pta.org/programs/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3126&navItemNumber=3983>
- Assessment Guide: [http://www.pta.org/files/National\\_Standards\\_Assessment\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.pta.org/files/National_Standards_Assessment_Guide.pdf) (2008)
- One Voice- Blog posting on using the PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships <http://onevoice.pta.org/?p=6240>

#### **1. Standard 1- Welcoming All Families**

Center for Schools & Communities- Strengthening the capacity of organizations serving children, youth, and families [www.center-school.org](http://www.center-school.org)

Creating a Welcoming Environment at Your School (Domain 1) in  
101 Ways to Create Real Family Engagement by Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D  
<http://www.amazon.com/Ways-Create-Real-Family-Engagement/dp/0981454313>

Collaborating with Families (STAR Legacy Modules-The IRIS Center),  
[iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/fam/chalcycle.htm](http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/fam/chalcycle.htm)

Family Friendly Schools- Offers Free Monthly Parent Playbook of activities to engage their child in learning in the home [www.familyfriendlyschools.com](http://www.familyfriendlyschools.com)

Families in Schools- Building partnerships for student success  
[www.familiesinschools.org](http://www.familiesinschools.org)

Five-Minute Film Festival: Parent-Teacher Partnerships  
<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/film-festival-parent-teacher-partnerships>

Teaching Times: Educational articles and resources covering a wide range of themes that provide teachers with information and learning through online publications  
[www.teachingtimes.com](http://www.teachingtimes.com)

#### **2. Standard 2- Communicating Effectively**

19 Proven Tips for Getting Parents Involved at School  
<http://www.edutopia.org/groups/classroom-management/783266>

Effective Home-School Communication (by JoBeth Allen), <http://www.hfrp.org/family-involvement/publications-resources/effective-home-school-communication>

Helping Parents Communicate Better with Schools (by Holly Kreider/Ellen Mayer/Peggy Vaughan) [http://www.education.com/reference/article/Ref\\_Helping\\_Communicate/](http://www.education.com/reference/article/Ref_Helping_Communicate/)

Home-to-School Connections: Resource Roundup, <http://www.edutopia.org/home-school-connections-resources>

I HAVE A QUESTION...What Parents and Caregivers Can Ask and Do to Help Children Thrive at School (A Parent Checklist) (U.S. Department of Education) <http://www2.ed.gov/documents/family-community/parent-checklist.pdf>

School and Parent Communication, <http://www.ldonline.org/parents/school>

Two-Way Communication Between School and Home (Domain 2) in 101 Ways to Create Real Family Engagement by Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D <http://www.amazon.com/Ways-Create-Real-Family-Engagement/dp/0981454313>

Working with your child's teacher, <https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/partnering-with-childs-school/working-with-childs-teacher>

### 3. **Standard 3- Supporting Student Success**

Beyond the Bake Sale: The Essential Guide to Family-School Partnerships (Book) [www.amazon.com/Beyond-Bake-Sale-Essential-Partnerships/dp/1565848888](http://www.amazon.com/Beyond-Bake-Sale-Essential-Partnerships/dp/1565848888)

Parent's Guide to Student Success <http://www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583&navItemNumber=3363>

Partnering with your child's school: <https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/partnering-with-childs-school>

Successful Family Engagement in the Classroom: What teachers need to know and be able to do to engage families in raising student achievement [http://www.hfrp.org/var/hfrp/storage/fckeditor/File/file/FINE%20Newsletter/Winter2011/FINE-Flamboyant\\_Article.pdf](http://www.hfrp.org/var/hfrp/storage/fckeditor/File/file/FINE%20Newsletter/Winter2011/FINE-Flamboyant_Article.pdf)

Classroom Family Engagement Rubric: [http://www.hfrp.org/var/hfrp/storage/fckeditor/File/file/FINE%20Newsletter/Winter2011/FINE-Flamboyant\\_Rubric.pdf](http://www.hfrp.org/var/hfrp/storage/fckeditor/File/file/FINE%20Newsletter/Winter2011/FINE-Flamboyant_Rubric.pdf)

The Beginners' Guide to Connecting Home and School, <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/beginners-guide-connecting-home-school-tabitha-dellangelo>

The National PTA sponsors a blog that includes many postings on Family Engagement.  
<http://onevoice.pta.org/?cat=20>

Webinar- Bringing Families to the Table: Family Engagement for Struggling Students  
[http://www.intensiveintervention.org/sites/default/files/Family\\_Engagement\\_Transcript.pdf](http://www.intensiveintervention.org/sites/default/files/Family_Engagement_Transcript.pdf)

#### 4. **Standard 4- Speaking up for Every Child**

Parent Advocacy: provides online support for families with special needs to assist in advocating for their children in school. [www.parentsadvocacy.com](http://www.parentsadvocacy.com)

Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights (PACER), <http://www.pacer.org/>

Parent Advocates: An online news magazine which seeks to inform and empower parent or guardians of children, taxpayers, and people of all nationalities with the goal to put “tax dollars expenditures and other monies used and spent by our federal, state, and city governments before your eyes and in your hands.” [www.parentadvocates.org](http://www.parentadvocates.org)

Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center, [www.peatc.org](http://www.peatc.org)

Successful Innovations, [www.si4all.com](http://www.si4all.com)

The Children's Partnership, [www.childrenpartnership.org](http://www.childrenpartnership.org)

#### 5. **Standard 5- Sharing Power**

CONNECT Module 4: Family-Professional Partnerships (Early Childhood)  
<http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules/learners/module-4>

Parent Toolkit, <http://www.parenttoolkit.com/>

You are Key to Your Child’s Success  
[http://www.pta.org/files/statereflectionslibrary/TYFTSW/2015%20TYFTSW\\_Key%20Success%20Flier\\_v2.pdf](http://www.pta.org/files/statereflectionslibrary/TYFTSW/2015%20TYFTSW_Key%20Success%20Flier_v2.pdf)

#### 6. **Standard 6- Collaborating with Community**

Beyond Random Acts: Family, School, and Community Engagement as an Integral Part of Education Reform  
<http://www.hfrp.org/publications-resources/browse-our-publications/beyond-random-acts-family-school-and-community-engagement-as-an-integral-part-of-education-reform>

Educating our Children Together: A Sourcebook for Effective Family- School Community Partnerships (2003)  
[http://www.directionservice.org/cadre/pdf/educating\\_our\\_children.pdf](http://www.directionservice.org/cadre/pdf/educating_our_children.pdf)

Engage families for anywhere, anytime learning, Heather B. Weiss and M. Elena Lopez  
*Phi Delta Kappan*, April 2015 96: 14-19.

*Abstract: As society expects children and youth today to explore content-area topics in depth and to develop critical-thinking, problem-solving, and analytical skills, out-of-school settings are becoming increasingly important to individual learning. These settings, which include libraries, museums, digital media, and after-school programs, are evolving into extended classrooms. In this context, it is no longer appropriate or fruitful for educators to focus family engagement solely on what happens in school; educators must reimagine this concept within the many opportunities now available for anywhere, anytime learning.*

Home-to-School Connections

<http://www.edutopia.org/blogs/tags/home-school-connections>

The Power of Family School Community Partnerships (2011)

[http://www2.nea.org/mediafiles/pdf/FSCP\\_Manual\\_2012.pdf](http://www2.nea.org/mediafiles/pdf/FSCP_Manual_2012.pdf)