LAP Guidance: Family Engagement

LAP Definition of Family Engagement

Family engagement involves collaboration between families and schools towards increasing student success for students receiving Learning Assistance Program (LAP) services. Family engagement strategies can involve outreach, direct involvement, and a variety of other activities. Family engagement can occur during the regular school day and within the school building, or outside of school, within families’ homes or within the community. Family engagement activities funded through LAP should focus on fostering two-way communication with families.

Family Engagement Activities

Use the definitions below to describe your school’s family engagement activities for LAP reporting in Education Data System (EDS). If you are unsure of how to do so, please contact the LAP team for support.

- **Content Nights**: Interactive content events focused on English language arts (ELA), math, behavior, and/or LAP with targeted goals where families and students can build capacity together to support and guide their success. These content specific events help families understand standards/expectations, provide time to practice new skills and ask questions, include resources, and a plan for follow-up.

- **Parent Training Events**: Interactive sessions that empower parents to take active roles in their student’s success by providing useful information about education programs/supports, skills, resources, and strategies.

- **Family Engagement Coordinator**: Develops bonds between schools and families through authentic two-way communication, culturally responsive outreach, strong partnerships, and use of family engagement strategies and activities.

- **Home Visits**: Opportunities for educators and families to connect in an informal setting, to prevent and resolve problems in a more succinct and efficient manner, and to expand the teacher’s knowledge of students’ home life and cultural background. Home visits do not need to occur in the students’ homes, but should occur in a neutral setting.

Family Engagement Resources

- [Menus of Best Practices](#)
- [Home Visit Toolkit](#)
- [Title I, Part A & Family Engagement](#)

Family Engagement Questions in EDS

- We had family engagement this year funded by LAP.
- We had no family engagement this year funded by LAP.

Select all family engagement activities that apply to the activities you provided:

- Content nights – behavior
- Content nights – English language arts
- Content nights – mathematics
- Parent training events (e.g., Parent University)
- Family engagement coordinator
- Home visits
- Other

Have Questions? Need Help?

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