



Module 5: Parent and Community Engagement

Module 5 Goals:

- Developing purposeful and respectful parental engagement for teachers
- Developing purposeful and respectful community engagement for teachers
- Using Louisiana's Be Engaged Birth-12 Framework as a resource for engagement

Online Pre-work for Module 5:

- **Defining the Purpose for Parental Engagement In Schools**
 - Parental Engagement is when the school staff and primary caregivers become a team to support and educate and empower students.
 - Family engagement is an empowering partnership among families, educators, practitioners, and the community with shared responsibility for the personal success of children and youth.
- **Parental Engagement Strategies for Teachers**
 - Tell parents good things about their child.
 - Create a private classroom Facebook or Instagram page.
 - Send home a weekly newsletter
- **Defining the Purpose for Community Engagement for Schools**
 - Community Engagement is an ongoing, two-way process of building relationships, working collaboratively to support all students, and sharing power.
- **Community Engagement Strategies for Teachers**
 - Get involved in community events.
 - Speak positively about the school, students, and parents.
 - Invite community members to share their expertise with students.

Activities teachers completed in Professional Learning Lab:

- Participate in real-world parental/family engagement scenarios.
- An expert panel to answer questions/concerns participants may have with parent and community engagement.
- Develop a parent and community engagement plan using strategies learned throughout module 5 of NTE.

Suggested discussions/activities for mentors or school leaders to do with your new teachers

Discussion Questions:

- What specific strategies does your school or district currently implement for parent and community engagement?
- How will you proactively engage with parents to keep them informed while also setting clear boundaries?
- How can you leverage parent and community relationships to impact student achievement positively?

Activities:

- Allow your new teacher to talk to a veteran teacher who does a great job with parent/stakeholder engagement to learn from an expert.
- Co-create a regularly scheduled (weekly/monthly) parent communication (newsletter, etc.) that your new teacher will send out.
- Role play conversations with parents/stakeholders with your new teacher prior to their first parent meetings.

