

Family Support in the Classroom

Family Support is the feeling of family togetherness and encouragement.

For the item, “My family members really help and support one another,” students’ responses were:

Not at all true: 9% A little true: 19% Pretty much true: 34% Very much true: 38%

Family School Partnership

Parent counseling and education related to student success and student needs may be valuable for several families in the school community. This may help the school better understand the needs of families and students.

Parent Counseling & Education

Understand that both parents and schools have important expertise/knowledge.

Show respect for diverse families and cultures.

Create a welcoming environment through open communication in the form of letters home and an “open-door” policy.

Parents as Team Members

Develop focused, individualized parent partnership plans addressing social health, family history and/or other targeted concerns to guide assessment and classroom intervention.



Family support affects students’ ability to tend to their behaviors and emotions.

- Stability and warmth in families helps promote positive outcomes, such as building self-regulation.
- Students with low family coherence are at greater risk for dropping out of school.
- Parental warmth predicts children’s social emotional health, whereas parental regulation and monitoring can predict children’s behavior.
- Family coherence leads to improved peer relationships and decreased bullying behavior.

Resources

National PTA Family-School Partnerships

PBIS Family Partnership

NASP Establishing Family-School Partnership

For more information about the Social Emotional Health Survey, see: www.project-covitality.info