

# Section 3 School-Wide Practices

## SD Toolkit for Engaging Parents and Families

The types of tools found in Section 3 are related to positive school-wide practices encompass those ways in which all school staff demonstrate their willingness and ability to work and partner with families. Positive school-wide practices include having great “customer” service in the front office, friendly and helpful staff, and recognition and appreciation of the difference cultures in the school.

### School-wide Practices

**[How well is your school bridging racial, class, and cultural differences?](#)** Survey

[Using surveys to build connections with families](#)

Surveys for opening the lines of communication between teachers, families, and students.

[Click here for SDMyLife](#)

SDMyLife is an online program assisting students with navigating the career development process. Helps students better understand themselves and how their interest, skills and knowledge relate to real-world academic and career opportunities.

[Click here for American Institute of Research](#)

AIR is one of the world's largest behavioral and social science research and evaluation organizations that is research based.

[Click here for parent sign up form](#)

Great site for everything! Resources and ideas for using volunteers in your classroom and school.

[Click here for 27 ways to increase family involvement in education](#)

Tips for Teachers on engaging parents

[Click here for Parent University Blog](#)

Parent University seeks to break down barriers and forge partnerships with parents in a safe 21st Century school environment.

If you are a facebook user – follow Parent University in Sioux Falls:

<https://www.facebook.com/parentuniversitysf/>

### [Parent-Child Activity Day](#)

Two or three times each year ask every child to bring an adult to school for a half day. Designate these as Parent/Child Activity Days. Base these days on a theme and the activities the parents and children participate together in and cover whatever subject areas you are currently working on.

### [Click here for tips for teachers](#)

37 useful tips for teachers to use in their classroom.

### [Click here for free kits for family night](#)

Free kits to plan an event for families

### [Click here for family involvement printables](#)

Cultural Food-Driven Parental Involvement Printables

### [Click here for math tools](#)

Math Tools for Reference ~ Elementary

### [Click here for goal setting display ideas](#)

Lots of different ideas contained in this blog that can be used to recognize student achievements

### [Click here for tips on connecting with colleagues](#)

25 ways for teachers to connect with colleague

### [Click here for edtech](#)

How to use different kinds of technology in your classroom, lots of free edtech tools

### [Click here for tips on classroom accommodations to help executive functioning issues](#)

Variety of accommodations for classroom management.

### [Click here for principal involvement ideas](#)

“Principalship” entails many things, but at its core, it is—and has always been—about building trusting relationships

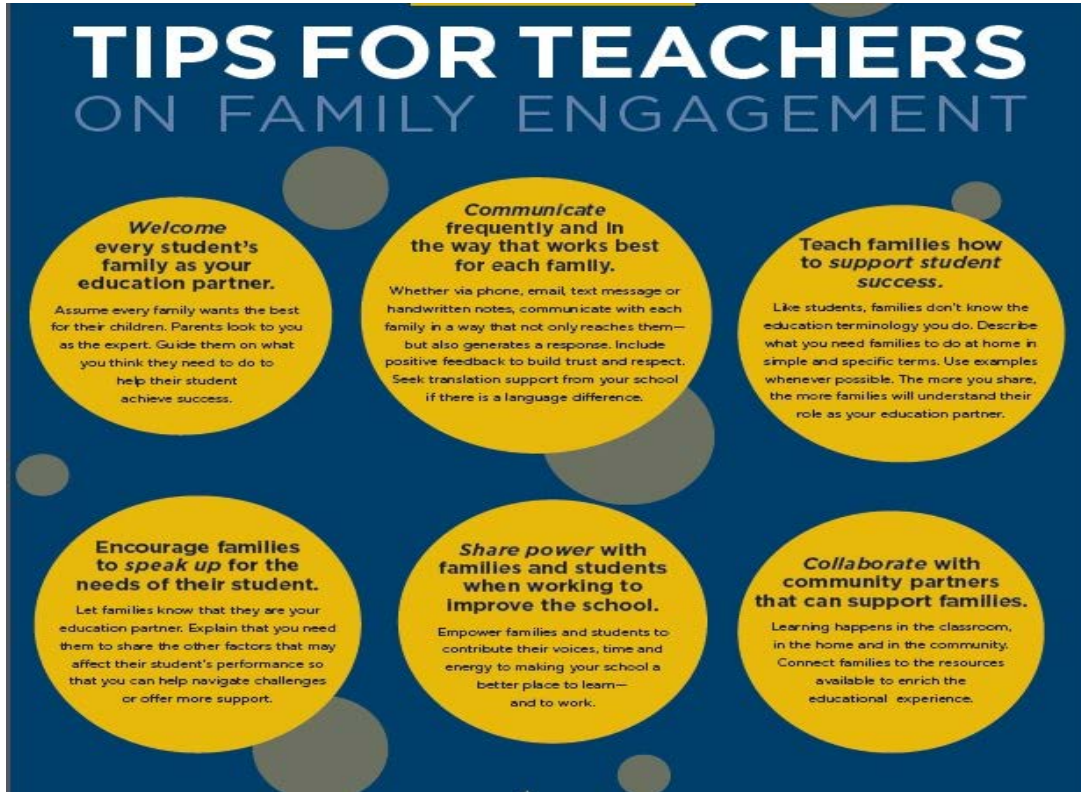
### [Click here for school climate](#)

Activities that build school climate, improve morale, and make schools feel like a family.

### [Click here for social emotional development checklists for kids and teens](#)

Great site for free resources on social and emotional skills. A child’s social emotional development plays a huge role in their ability to find success in school and also later on in life.

This site has a detailed checklist for social, emotional development for ages 3-18



Graphic from National PTA on the 6 types of Family Engagement