

## Parent Engagement

Partnering with our parents is of vital importance to creating a successful environment for our students. The district has between three and four of parent/teacher conferences a year, depending on the site, and attendance to the conference is mandatory. Many conferences are student-led, giving parents an opportunity to experience school with their student. In addition to conferences, phone calls home both for celebrations and for seeking solutions are vital and important to our success. Many bilingual staff members are available in each building to help with this communication. The district always welcomes parents as volunteers and is always looking for more parents to have in our buildings when possible. Santa Fe South encourages parents to be more engaged in their child's education by offering Parents as Partners classes to families with elementary through high school students. The classes teach and empower parents to better assist and be more involved in their child's education.

### **Why Parent Engagement?**

When parents are aware of struggles or celebrations, they are able to support the school in ultimately supporting the student. Parents are an invaluable resource. The feedback they can provide can be very important to our work. It is also our duty and commitment to keep them informed of their student's progress as that is a right they have.

### **Key Tenets:**

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Parents as Partners classes
- Phone calls
- Parents as volunteers
- Town hall meetings
- Community circles
- Student-led conferences

**Resources:** <http://www.studentledconference.com/>

**Key Personnel:** Site Leader, District Parent Liaison, Bilingual staff