

English Development Family Outreach Framework

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Douglas County School District's (DCSD) English Language Development (ELD) Department aims to partner with families to establish relationships, implement instruction and programming, and support students and families within the educational environment. The ELD Department's primary focus is to authentically and meaningfully connect with families in order to foster their inclusion and meaningful participation in the school experience while supporting each family's unique needs through a culturally inclusive and responsive three-part framework.

Engage: Each family, along with other stakeholders, must have the opportunity to be engaged in and connected with their child's school and the community it serves. DCSD's framework invites families to be a part of the educational community during the school day, outside the school day, and in in the community.

Grow: Each family, along with other stakeholders, must be offered the opportunity to learn and grow. DCSD's framework provides multiple opportunities for families to learn about a variety of student supports such as literacy, 21st century classrooms, and district and community resources for academics, health and wellness, mental health, special programming.

Celebrate: Each family, along with other stakeholders, must be honored, celebrated, and supported in order to foster a successful educational experience from pre-school through the twelfth grade. This includes celebrating academic performance and achievements, academic growth, and educationally related passions, interests, and strengths.

At the district level, the ELD Department hosts an annual resource fair within the community to provide access and connections to a variety of community resources related to immigration, multi-lingual legal counsel, tutoring services, bilingual education options, and other services related to socioeconomic, cultural, and educational needs.

Events also occur at the school-level. Approximately 1,300 family and community members participated in ELD Family Outreach programs during the 2016-2017 school year, which included:

- Reading Together family meetings and celebrations
- Literacy, Tech, and Math Lunches and Nights
- College Application & FAFSA Nights and Saturdays
- Culture Fairs
- School Community Resource Fairs
- School curriculum nights
- Family Game Night