

Calculating Your Score

Each response carries a point value:

Strongly disagree	1 point
Disagree	2 points
Agree	3 points
Strongly agree	4 points
Don't know	0 points

Add together the score for each question and total that number. For example, if you answered every question “strongly disagree,” you would give yourself 1 point for each answer for a total of 10 points (10 questions, 1 point each). For every “don’t know” answer, add 0 (zero). Answers in the “don’t know” category carry no points.

Use the scale below to determine where your answers fell on a rubric for successfully engaging every family:

Engaging Every Family Response Interval Scale

10–22: Not Evident

Responses that fall within this range indicate little or no evidence that a process for promoting the ongoing engagement of every family is in place or that the culture of the school embraces family engagement as a pathway to improved student outcomes. A significant effort should be employed to build the capacity of staff to understand and implement practices that engage every family.

23–34: Basic

Responses that fall within this range indicate a basic understanding of the importance of family engagement and some evidence that strategies and ideas have been implemented. There may be evidence of culture change to promote family engagement, but it is at best sporadic. A continued commitment to family engagement as a professional learning strand coupled with measurable goals and objectives as a component of the school improvement plan will increase the likelihood of continuous improvement.

35–44: Emerging

Responses that fall within this range suggest that the school is well along in creating systems and processes that consistently engage every family and the culture is accepting of practice. Many staff members are engaging with families and consider this engagement essential to student success. Determine, through survey or other means of data collection, the degree to which all staff are consistent in the application of family engagement principles and create action plans for continued improvement. Look at student learning data to determine where family engagement practice can support growth.

45–50: Proficient

Responses in this category suggest that the school is highly proficient at engaging every family and has the data to prove it. Everyone agrees that the culture of the school is conducive to engaging every family. All staff believes in the importance of engaging families, and data collected from families supports their perception that the school welcomes their engagement. There is clear, consistent, and compelling evidence that family engagement is a significant portion of the school culture and leads to improved learning outcomes for all students.