

Family Engagement in the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

What you can do to Support Family Engagement at the Local, State and Federal Levels

At the Local Level

- Join and volunteer with your local parent organizations to increase family engagement opportunities at your school.
- Volunteer to serve on the school improvement plan team and/or parent advisory team for programs such as Title I, Indian Education, or Bilingual Education.
- Visit the school district website to see how you can become involved in the district's parental involvement and family engagement initiatives.
- Give and/or answer surveys that are asking for input about support linked to family-school partnerships.
- Review Parent Involvement Policies at your school and district and talk with other parents and school staff about how the policy is being implemented.
- Reach out to school district leaders and engage with local education stakeholder groups to inform [implementation of ESSA](#).
- Nominate yourself to serve on the committee that drafts the school district education plan required under ESSA.

At the State Level

- Inquire about your state Parent Teacher Association, [NMPTA](#).
- Reach out to state education leaders and engage with state-level education groups to inform implementation of ESSA.
- Check your state's [Department of Education website](#) to see how you can be involved in the process for drafting the new state plan required under ESSA.
- Nominate yourself to serve on the committee that drafts the state's education plan and seek to include family engagement as an indicator of school success in the plan.
- Encourage your state to support the use of:
The Framework for Family-School Partnerships in New Mexico at [NMengaged.com](#)
The Framework is based on the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships and is designed to support New Mexico school communities.

At the Federal Level

- Visit the federal website and information about the Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA) <https://www.ed.gov/ESSA>
- Visit the National PTA website www.PTA.org/ESSA
- Visit the [National PTA Takes Action Network](#) and advocate on behalf of all children and families.
- Learn important advocacy skills and access to resources that will help you become an even stronger advocate.
- Call on your Members of Congress to advocate for family engagement by providing the necessary funds and resources to support state and local activities.