



NEW BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Family Engagement

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QUICK VIEW

ENGAGE EDUCATE EMPOWER	New Bedford Public Schools' Family Engagement framework is guided by the Three E's of engage, educate, and empower.
CULTURAL COMPETENCY	Awareness. Attitude. Knowledge. Skills. The four key points of Cultural Competency. By increasing our self-awareness, celebrating our cultural differences, learning about the histories and meanings of culture to our school community members, and building skills to bridge gaps, we all work together to support and embrace one another.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Professional Development encourages our teachers, staff, and administrators, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• think about what we can do to become better every day at engaging families• involve the community in the education of our students• create opportunities for relationship-building in the classroom and in the community.
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTERS	What do Family Engagement Centers do? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give referrals to families for community resources• Provide opportunities for training• Provide translation for easy communication• Build strong relationships between families and schools• Help all students succeed by engaging every family in their child's education
FISS	Family Institute for Student Success is dedicated to achieving economic and social equality for all through education. FISS provides families with the knowledge and skills to partner with schools and communities to ensure their children achieve their full potential.



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IN-DEPTH VIEW

<p>ENGAGE EDUCATE EMPOWER</p>	<p>Our schools are engaging families in a way that builds relationships, trust, and accessibility and is universal for all students, parents and families.</p> <p>Through targeted approaches that create educational opportunities for families, educators, and community partners, we build community capacity to impact student success.</p> <p>Our goal is to empower parents and families with the tools to be active participants in their school community.</p>
<p>CULTURAL COMPETENCY</p>	<p>The YWCA curriculum for cultural competency encompasses educational activities and dialogue that encourages conversations around topics such as diversity in classrooms and schools, daily acts of racism and microaggressions, privilege, and how culture influences students' experiences inside and outside of the classroom.</p>
<p>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Family Engagement Leadership Team (FELT) <i>Who:</i> a team of staff within the school district working to increase family engagement opportunities <i>What:</i> monthly meetings to discuss support needed for CRCs, professional development needs, and ways to expand cultural competency training across district <i>How:</i> offering engaging and relevant trainings in which all school department staff participate</p>
<p>FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTERS</p>	<p>Visit your school's Family Engagement Center! <i>New Bedford High School</i> <i>Roosevelt Middle School</i> <i>Keith Middle School</i> <i>Normandin Middle School</i> <i>Irwin Jacobs Elementary School</i> <i>Parker Elementary School</i> <i>Renaissance Community School for the Arts</i> <i>Gomes Elementary</i></p>
<p>FISS</p>	<p>The values of FISS include: Empowerment for change: give families the tools and knowledge to effectively impact their children's educational success. Knowledge is power: informed families can improve their children's future. Taking responsibility: everyone doing their part to ensure student success. Respect for the family: honoring and valuing parental participation and perspectives.</p>