

# SCHOOLWIDE STAKEHOLDER PARTNER PROGRAM

## for the CFEC School Partner Program

### What is the Schoolwide Stakeholder Partner Program?

The focus of the Schoolwide Stakeholder Partner Program is on school-level capacity-building to support the development of effective family-school-community partnerships that support student achievement and school improvement. This is a collaborative process between CFEC and the school that is accomplished through several activities:

- A Carolina Family Engagement Center (CFEC) liaison provides high-quality coaching and technical assistance to a schoolwide stakeholder team at each CFEC partner school that is dedicated to family engagement. Partner schools can designate either a new or existing team (such as a committee of the School Improvement Council (SIC) or Title I team) that includes administrators, teachers, parents, and community leaders who represent the diversity of the school community.
- The schoolwide stakeholder team plans and supports implementation and evaluation of family engagement initiatives across the school, in coordination with existing Title I and other family engagement goals and activities. In doing so, it learns to use a planning tool developed by the National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS; Epstein, 2019) to ensure that its work aligns with the school's existing improvement plan goals. School membership in NNPS is encouraged but not required to participate in the CFEC program.
- In addition, each partner school commits to (1) implementing and evaluating at least one family engagement practice selected by the stakeholder team that involves personnel from throughout the school in maintaining a welcoming environment for all families, and (2) all school personnel completing at least one annual one-hour CFEC professional development session designed to meet the school's capacity-building needs.

### BENEFITS:

- **Ongoing technical assistance and coaching** in all aspects of family engagement planning, implementation, and evaluation from a highly qualified CFEC liaison using evidence-based and practice-supported approaches, tools, and other resources.
- **Enhanced parent-teacher partnerships** that help meet academic goals and improve school climate.
- **Knowledge, skills, and competencies** in evidence-based and practice-supported family engagement strategies that help improve student learning and development.
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Renewal credits** are available to teachers and administrators for annual professional development session.

*“We are a better school today than we were 3 years ago, especially when it comes to family engagement. Our students will only be successful when the school, the community, and families work together as one team to reach the same purpose of providing high levels of learning for all students, so they are college and career ready.”*

Marshall Primary School (Anderson School District 2),  
CFEC Partner School 2019-2023.

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