

Essential Elements for Family Support

Essential Elements	Always	Sometimes	Never
Educators explain to families the process of second-language learning and bilingualism.			
Teachers explain to families the role language plays in academic success.			
Educators teach families how to maintain the home language at home.			
Before a curriculum unit begins, teachers share key vocabulary and concepts with families in English and home languages.			
Educators deliver information about the school and the children in English or home languages as necessary.			
Teachers provide information on how to support children's bilingualism at home.			
Educators share children's assessments with their families.			
Teachers help children and families navigate the U.S. educational system.			
The school is family friendly, with signs and materials in plain English or translated into plain language, culturally competent staff, and interpreters when needed.			