

Involvement vs. Engagement

Ferrara, M. (2011). Phrase versus phase: family engagement. (84), *The Clearing House*, 180-183.

Parent Involvement	Family Involvement	Family Engagement
<p>Image – parents involved in their children’s education</p> <p>One-way flow of information.</p>	<p>Image – joint relationship between family and school staff with focus on child’s education</p> <p>Limited flow of information –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Big brother” as the expert who reaches out only to those families who need support for children who are having academic and social difficulties• Parents have to resort to opportunities for learning at home through support in homework, reading, and enrichment activities	<p>Image – a rich association between families and schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A shared responsibility with levels of commitment by the family, the school, and supporting agencies.• Family engagement spans the life of the child, but is not the same from year to year because roles change throughout the span of this commitment.• Engagement is not limited to the home and school; community programs must play a vital role as well.