

Type 5: Decision Making

Invite families to share power with school staff in making decisions about policies, practices, and programs. Develop parent leaders and empower parents as advocates for children.

Sample Practices

- Has strong parent membership on the Action Team for Partnerships connecting families to school goals and programs
- Has active, inclusive parent group, advisory councils, and committees (e.g., curriculum, hiring, school improvement, and safety) with firm parent participation
- Parent networks and parent representatives are linked to all families
- Disseminates information on school and local elections to families.

Challenges

- Include parents from all racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and other groups in the school
- Offer training to develop parent leadership skills
- Include student representatives in decision making