

# The Five C's

## How Families Can Engage

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### Clarify Goals and Expectations

- Set high standards and goals for your child
- Set and constantly discuss the expectations you have
- Be firm in the goals and expectations you have set for your child

### Communicate With Your Child

- Be sure to have daily interaction of some sort ... make time now!
- Communicating about school shows your belief and value in your child
- Appreciate and communicate with peers. You may not be able to control your children's friends, but you can communicate and appreciate them.

### Change the Conversation:

- Tell me about...(your project, your grade, your report, etc.)
- Explain... (your assignment, what you did in class today, etc.)
- Show me... (your homework, your assignment book, your agenda, etc.)
- Teach (a subject or a lesson) to me.
- Leave (your homework, your project, your report) where I can see it.

### Collaborate with Your Child's School

- Build a good relationship with teachers
- Exhibit trusting behaviors in your child and your child's school.
- Silence and violence don't work. Discuss questions or concerns in a reasonable fashion with the school in order to support your child's success.

### Celebrate Your Child

- Make PRIDE part of your household: **P**ersonal **R**esponsibility **I**n **D**aily **E**ffort
- Don't rely solely on a simple process of punishment or rewards.
- Demonstrate care through valuing your child's educational experiences.
- Be the significant adult in your child's life. You are the most influential teacher your child will ever have.