Providence Schools

Office of Family and Community Engagement

Creating Spaces Where Families Belong

Connection . Leadership . Contribution.

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Our Mission and Vision

Mission : To support student success by strengthening authentic partnerships between families, schools, and the community.
We ensure families are informed, involved, and empowered to engage meaningfully in their children’s education and in district decision -making.

Vision : We envision a school community where families are valued partners, communication is inclusive and accessible, and every student is supported to thrive, academically, socially, and emotionally on the path to college, career, and life.

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A Space to Connect

Connection begins when families feel welcomed, informed, and supported.

1. Connection Pathways

- Parent University
- Multilingual communication and interpretation
- Workshops and coaching for families
- Parent Ambassadors
- Strategic partnerships and community resources

2. Access & Support

- McKinney-Vento supports
- Family resource navigation

3. Connection in Action

- A familiar face to help families take the next step
- Clear invitations and accessible points of contact
- Support that connects education, health, and wellness

Across schools and communities

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A Space to Lead

Families and students bring knowledge that should shape decisions.

1. Family Leadership

- *Parent Leadership Academy*
- Leadership development and advocacy skills
- *Parent advisory councils*
- Student advisory councils
- Family voice in school and district decisions

2. Shared Decision-Making

- Family groups and PTOs
- SurveyWorks family voice

3. Follow-Through

- Explain what families can influence
- Welcome questions we did not anticipate
- Share what happened with family input

A seat at the table

and

Follow-through gives people a reason to participate again.

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A Space to Contribute

Families and community partners bring talents, relationships, and resources.

A clear invitation can open the door to meaningful participation.

Ways Families and Partners Contribute

- *Volunteer opportunities*
- Parent Ambassadors
- *Community partnerships*
- Family groups and PTOs

Expanded learning and enrichment opportunities

One invitation can open the door to another possibility.

A meaningful role

A clear invitation

A reason to come back

Families and partners help turn needs into opportunities.

Together, we create more ways for families to participate and belong.

What partners make possible

- Welcoming activities and events
- Enrichment, mentoring, and learning opportunities
- Resources aligned to priorities identified by families and schools

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Parent Education and Leadership

Parent University

Empowering and Equipping Families

Our Mission: To strengthen the knowledge, skills, and confidence of parents and guardians so they can support their children's academic success, well-being, and educational journey.

CORE FOCUS AREAS

- Supporting learning at home and in school
- Understanding parent rights and navigating PSSD
- Promoting student health and wellness
- Connecting families with district and community resources

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 30 workshops offered throughout the year
- In-person and virtual learning opportunities
- Multilingual access through interpretation and translated resources
- Recorded sessions and resources available to families via YouTube channel

Parent Leadership Training Academy

Developing Parent Leaders and Advocates

Our Mission: To prepare PSSD parents and guardians to become informed advocates, collaborative partners, and effective leaders in their schools and communities.

CORE FOCUS AREAS

- Understanding school district and city governance
- Developing leadership and advocacy skills
- Participating in decision - making
- Building relationships through workshops and site visits

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Two leadership cohortes offered annually
- Cohorts available in English and Spanish
- Participants receive a $500 stipend
- Interactive workshops, civic experiences, and site visits

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McKinney-Vento Supports

Removing barriers. Opening doors. Keeping students enrolled, connected, and cared for.

1. Core Supports

- Designated District Homeless Education Liaison
- Professional development for staff and informational workshops for parents
- One-on-on consultations for students and families
- Direct connections to essential community resources
- Compassionate, personalized support tailored to each youth and family

2. Access & Referrals

- Simple and secure referral link for PPD staff and community partners
- Centralized resource hub: McKinney-Vento webpage on the PPD website

3. Immediate Services Provided

- Assistance with school enrollment
- Transportation coordination for school access (citywide and statewide)
- Support accessing academic programs, services, and essential resources

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students identified and actively supported.

When our families walk through your doors, help them leave knowing three things:

I belong here.
My voice matters.
I have something to offer.

Thank you.