

# Five Roles Families Play to Accelerate Student Learning

At Flamboyan, we have seen - and research shows - that families play five essential roles in their children's education. All families deserve to have access to the information and connections they need to play these roles well. That's why Flamboyan is championing REAL Family Engagement within schools and school systems. Learn about REAL Family Engagement™ at [www.FlamboyanFoundaton.org/REAL](http://www.FlamboyanFoundaton.org/REAL)



## **COMMUNICATE** HIGH EXPECTATIONS

An important way families can help their child succeed is to consistently communicate high expectations for their performance. Teachers can help families do this by sharing information about age appropriate milestones students should meet to be college and career ready.



## **MONITOR** THEIR CHILD'S PERFORMANCE

Families can support their child's success by regularly checking in with them and thier educators on how they are doing in school. Teachers can support families doing this by consistently and proactively engaging with them about thier student's progress and by being available to families in a timely way.



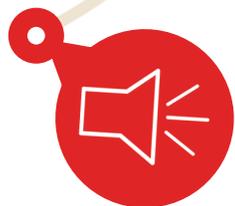
## **SUPPORT** LEARNING AT HOME

When families support and reinforce learning at home, their children do better in school. Teachers can help families support learning at home with their child through consistent academic partnership and ongoing communication like helping families create a series of thought provoking, content specific questions families can ask children at home.



## **GUIDE** THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Families play a critical role in navigating thier child's educational experience from preschool all the way through college. The school community can support families by connecting them to resources and activities for thier child that supports thier unique needs.



## **ADVOCATE** FOR THEIR CHILD

Families advocate for thier children to ensure they get the personal attention, necessary supports they need to be successful in school. School leadership can support family advocacy by creating a feedback friendly environment. This could include a family feedback system where families understand how thier feedback was used, expanded office hours for family conversations, or proactively seeking input from families about school policy decisions.

