Five Roles Families Play to Accelerate Student Learning

**COMMUNICATE HIGH EXPECTATIONS**
An important way families can help their child succeed is to consistently communicate high expectations for student performance. Teachers can help families by sharing information about milestones students should meet to be on a successful academic path.

**MONITOR THEIR CHILD’S PERFORMANCE**
Families can support their child’s success by regularly checking in with them and teachers. Teachers can support families by consistently and proactively engaging with them about student 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 through consistent academic partnership and ongoing communication. Helping families create a series of thought-provoking, content-specific questions to ask children at home is just one example.

**GUIDE THEIR CHILD’S EDUCATION**
Families play a critical role in navigating their child’s educational experience from preschool all the way through college. The school community can support families by connecting them to resources and activities that supports their unique needs.

**ADVOCATE FOR THEIR CHILD**
Families advocate for their children to ensure they get the personal attention and necessary support they need to be successful in school. Teachers can keep open channels of communication with families while school leadership can create a feedback-friendly environment. This could include a family feedback system, expanded office hours for family conversations, and proactively seeking input from families about school policy decisions.