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Family Engagement Survey – Version 2

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does the Family Engagement Survey (FES-2) tell me about family engagement in my school?

The FES-2 measures family engagement across five domains: Welcoming Environment, Effective Communication, Supporting Student Learning, Sharing Power and Advocacy, and Community Involvement.

2. Where is the Family Engagement Survey located?

The FES-2 is located at www.districttools.org. It can be administered on the website or by using paper copies of the survey.

3. How much does the survey cost?

The Family Engagement Survey is free for all Kansas schools! It was developed by the Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) and the Technical Assistance System Network (TASN) Evaluation Project in collaboration with the Kansas State Department of Education.

4. What grade levels are appropriate for the Family Engagement Survey?

The survey is reliable from early childhood through high school. It's recommended that the survey be administered districtwide.

5. Is the Family Engagement Survey available in multiple languages?

Yes! The FES-2 has been translated into 10 languages in addition to English: Afar, Arabic, Burmese, Mandarin, German, Korean, Lao, Spanish, Swahili, and Vietnamese. These translations are available [here](#).

6. Is the survey anonymous?

Yes! The survey does not ask for or contain any student or family names, and the survey requires a minimum number of responses in order to display results using demographic filters. Additionally, only district staff who are granted access at www.districttools.org will be able to view the automatically generated results.

7. When is the survey available?

The FES-2 is available year-round; however, most schools choose to administer it in late winter or early spring to give families sufficient time to form opinions on family engagement in their student's school.

8. Do I create a Family Engagement Survey URL for the whole district or each school separately?

Just one per district per administration. The reporting features allow you to view data by school or groups of schools. Because these URLs can be used for only one administration, consider including the year in the URL (e.g., <https://districttools.org/exampledistrict2022>).

9. How do I disseminate the survey to families?

Common methods for requesting survey completion include emails or text messages to family members, fliers with a QR code sent home, robocalls, posts on social media, or computers set up for families to complete the survey at school events (e.g., parent-teacher conferences).

10. What if a family has children in multiple schools?

Once a family completes the survey for one school, they are asked if they have a child in another school in the district. If they select yes, the survey will repeat for the additional school.

11. What reports are available when viewing my school's results?

Results are viewable at the school and district levels. Additionally, there is a Building Comparison Report that can be generated to aggregate data by type of school (e.g., all elementary schools within a district). You may choose to view results by student subgroup, such as students with IEPs, students who receive free or reduced lunch, or by race/ethnicity. Note that open-ended responses are available in a separate report from the multiple choice and Likert scale responses.

12. How do I share the results?

You can download a PDF of any report in any language utilized.

13. Can I compare results from the Family Engagement Survey across multiple school years?

Yes! When generating reports, you have the option to select multiple survey administrations.

14. Where do I get support for family engagement practices?

The Kansas Parent Information Resource Center is available to support schools by offering resources and by providing professional learning and technical assistance to schools on strategies to promote family-school-community partnerships. Visit their website at <https://www.ksdetasn.org/kpirc>.

15. Where can I find more information about the Family Engagement Survey?

For more detailed information on the survey, its technical specifications, instructions for administering the survey, and utilizing report features, see the FES-2 Overview and Instruction document [here](#).