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 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 their educators on how they are doing in school. Teachers can support families doing this by consistently and proactively engaging with them about their 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 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 for their child that supports their unique needs.

ADVOCATE FOR THEIR CHILD
Families advocate for their 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 their feedback was used, expanded office hours for family conversations, or proactively seeking input from families about school policy decisions.