

Get Involved with the NYC Parent Academy School Partnerships

What is the NYC Parent Academy?

The Parent Academy is a collaborative citywide program dedicated to **creating and enhancing partnerships** within school communities, by **strengthening parent involvement** to support **student achievement**.

One element of the Parent Academy program is to provide training opportunities to schools interested in learning more about how to optimize family-school partnerships. The Parent Academy will provide training aligned to the Department of Education's Partnership Standards.

What will schools learn about?

Training sessions will help schools improve their existing parent engagement practices around the five Partnership Standards:

- 1 Fostering Communication** - School and families engage in an open exchange of information regarding student progress, school wide goals and support activities.
- 2 Encouraging Parent Involvement** - Parents have diverse and meaningful *roles in the school community and their children's achievement*.
- 3 Creating Welcoming Schools** - Creating a welcoming, positive school climate with the commitment of the entire school community.
- 4 Partnering for Student Success** - School engages families in setting high expectations for students and actively partners with parents to prepare students for their next level.
- 5 Collaborating Effectively** - School community works together to make decisions about the academic and personal growth of students through school wide goals. School fosters collaborations with community-based organizations to create a vibrant, fulfilling environment for students and families.

Why should schools participate?

Ongoing professional development workshops – Throughout the year, selected schools will be invited to send representatives to workshops on topics of interest relevant to one or more of the Partnership Standards facilitated by an impressive corps of LIU professionals. The Parent Academy will strive to ensure that workshops are held in locations convenient to your school.

Opportunities for networking and collaborating with your peers – Selected schools will work with a peer group of 6-8 area-schools to refine and develop superlative practices around family engagement.

Access to online resources for direct and turnkey training models – Training videos, presentations and other resources will be available to school-based teams to reinforce the lessons learned during professional development workshops. Materials will be adaptable to encourage teams to turnkey training to their greater school communities.

Direct assistance from Parent Academy staff – Selected schools will have the opportunity to receive individualized support, upon request, from Parent Academy experts.

How can schools sign up?

Talk with your SLT and complete a simple online submission form at www.nycparentacademy.org. Once a school joins the Parent Academy, all members of the school community can participate, including but not limited to, parents, school leadership team members, school leaders, counselors, parent coordinators, teachers, and CBO members.

Where can schools get more information?

Schools can contact the Division of Family and Community Engagement at (212) 374-4118 or at FACE@schools.nyc.gov

Early this fall, parents can obtain information online at: www.nycparentacademy.org