

## About The “Collaborating For Success” Parent Engagement Toolkit

The Toolkit was designed to be an easy to use “how to” guide to develop, maintain or sustain growth of school or district parent engagement work. The toolkit provides researched-based information, proven strategies and downloadable tools that can be customized to districts’ needs. In addition, it includes extensive sources that are accessed with one quick click. The “**Collaborating For Success” Parent Engagement Toolkit** is only of many resources available to schools, districts and parents to continue to support academic achievement and success.

### How The Toolkit is Organized:

The toolkit is designed in a simple to use webpage format. There are four sections:

#### SECTION I

##### [Why Parent Engagement is Important](#)

Outlines the need for and benefits of engaging parents in their children’s education.

#### SECTION II

##### [Legal Requirements](#)

Provides an overview of the requirements of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) regarding parent engagement and how these apply to the compliance with federally funded school programs.

#### SECTION III

##### [Resources For Parents](#)

Provides an easy to follow informational guide on Michigan’s school system from pre-kindergarten to high school graduation.

#### SECTION IV

##### [Resources For Schools & Districts](#)

Provides easy to follow guidelines that include proven strategies for engaging parents, strategies for overcoming barriers to parent engagement, and specific topics such as “how to work with translators and interpreters.”

#### SECTION V

##### [Reference](#)

Endnotes, Bibliography and Glossary of Terms

Each section topic includes: an Overview, Strategy(ies), Tools and/or Additional Information, and Resources (where appropriate). Embedded in each section are hyperlinks to other parts of the Toolkit, enabling the user to immediately reference a list of topics and subtopics.

The Resources for Schools & Districts includes links to Tools formatted in MS Word that can be downloaded for customization. However, **please ensure** that you are providing the appropriate citation for your adaptation.

Suggestions for improvement and/or topic areas that would be useful to address in future updates can be sent to: [parentengagementtoolkit@michigan.gov](mailto:parentengagementtoolkit@michigan.gov)