

Secondary Engagement Calendar

To meet the evolving needs of parents and families of EB and immigrant students, consider implementing the various engagement activities below to support the academic success and promote parental, family, and community participation in their child's education.

NOTE: Be sure the activities below are implemented *in addition to* or *as a supplement to* what is offered to all students.

Key: ● Parent Event

● Family Event

● Community Event

August

SAT / ACT / PSAT

Create a click sheet to explain the process for registering for college entrance exams and the possible scholarships associated with them (e.g. PSAT can lead to a National Merit Scholarship). Consider linking test preparation software.

September

College Fair

Live stream an interview with local and state post-secondary institutions for students and parents. This allows students and families to prepare to get to know two-year colleges and four-year universities to determine which they would like to visit.

October

Trade Schools

Invite students and families to a presentation by local tradespeople. This should include information about the process of applying and completing trade school by trade, as well as the benefits by entering the workforce as bilingual students.

November

College Essay / Resume

Create a college essay and resume workshop for both students and families. This will assist students preparing for both higher education and career paths as well as families in search of better employment. Create and send a PDF with various resume formats for later use.

December

FAFSA / TASFA

Record walkthrough videos and send them to students and families to show how to fill out FAFSA and TASFA forms keeping in mind immigration status. Consider offering follow-up appointments with families who need support to complete the application process.

January

Scholarships / Grants

Create a monthly or quarterly newsletter about scholarships and grants that fit your community's demographics. Think of including short videos explaining the various methods to pay for higher education as well as approaching deadlines of scholarships and applications.

February

Tax Night

Host a tax night with a local accountant about how to file taxes through the free IRS tax preparation software. Make sure to prepare a list of local businesses or non-profits that can support multilingual families if they need additional support.

March

University Field Trips

Provide bus transportation to a university for students and families. Make sure that the tours provide language support for the families that are attending. Remember, Title III funds can be leveraged for educational field trips.

April/May

Mental Health

Post recorded videos to the social media account of the bilingual education program walking students and families how to spot the signs of mental illness with tips from a licensed professional on how to improve mental health.