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## **Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) is committed to supporting your school in driving family engagement.**

RIF defines family engagement as positive and ongoing relationships between students' families and educators. And we believe that building these relationships is a shared responsibility. Effective family engagement is asset-based, goal-oriented, and culturally affirming.

### **RIF's Family Engagement Tips:**

1. Shift to "relationship-centric engagement" from "school-centric involvement".
2. Welcome your families into the building.
3. Schedule time into your week to dedicate to families.
4. Break down barriers to access by asking questions about the family's availability, preferred meeting location (virtual or in-person), and any language preferences.
5. Provide opportunities for families to be recognized and celebrated.

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## **RIF Resources to Boost Family Engagement:**

- 1. Inform families of the RIF program:** Utilize RIF's take-home letter to give families an overview of what to expect throughout our reading engagement program. The letter is available for download at [RIF.org/MSFLI/Letter](https://www.rif.org/MSFLI/Letter).
- 2. Share family resources:** RIF is offering free monthly text messages to middle school families with recommended book lists and engaging reading activities. A toolkit to help you communicate this opportunity is available at [RIF.org/MSFLI/Text](https://www.rif.org/MSFLI/Text).
- 3. Literacy Tracker:** Our free and easy-to-use Literacy Tracker Tool is a great resource to share with families to use at home with their child to check in on their reading progress. Visit [RIF.org/Literacy-Central/Literacy-Tracker](https://www.rif.org/Literacy-Central/Literacy-Tracker).