

Why Inclusive Schools Matter

Creating Opportunities for Every Family to
Participate, Connect, and Belong



School events help families connect, build relationships, and feel part of the school community. Thoughtful, inclusive planning can reduce barriers and create meaningful opportunities for every family to participate and belong.

Inclusion Begins with Thoughtful Planning

Consider the different needs & experiences of
families from the beginning

- Providing clear and accessible information in families' preferred languages
- Considering physical accessibility and sensory needs
- Offering different ways to participate
- Helping families know what to expect
- Asking families what would help them attend
- Creating an environment where all families feel welcomed and respected

Small Changes Can Make a Meaningful Difference

Creating inclusive events does not mean that every event must meet every need perfectly. It means planning with families in mind, listening to their experiences, and being willing to make thoughtful changes.

Inclusive Events Strengthen School Communities

When events are designed with inclusion in mind:

- More families can participate.
- Children experience a stronger sense of belonging.
- Families have opportunities to connect.
- Schools and parent groups build trust with families.
- Family voices and experiences help shape future activities.
- The entire school community becomes more welcoming and responsive.

A Question to Consider

Who might experience barriers to participating in this event—and what is one change we can make to help them feel more welcomed and included?

Remember: When families feel that they belong, they are more likely to connect, contribute, and become active partners in their school community.

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