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Element D

Teachers work collaboratively with the families and/or significant adults for the benefit of students.

Parents are the essential link to improving American education, and schools have to do a better job of reaching out to them. Sending home a report card is not enough. Parents want to help their children succeed in school, and often need guidance on how to be most effective.

—Richard Riley Secretary, U.S. Office of Education 1999

Professional practices referenced under each element of the Rubric for Evaluating Colorado Teachers are cumulative. Therefore, for teachers to meet the state standard for working collaboratively with families, they must first establish a classroom environment that is inviting to families. They must also use a variety of methods to initiate communication that result in respectful relationships with students, their families, and/or significant adults.

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