

# A FAMILY GUIDE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



## Practical Tips for Districts, Schools, and Parents

The Mississippi Department of Education is committed to supporting parents' understanding of the learning process and providing them with the guidance needed to ensure their children become College and Career Ready. The Office of Student Intervention Services in collaboration with classroom teachers developed the Pre-K - 8 Family Guides for Student Success to assist parents with grade-level at home strategies and activities that support the mastery of the English Language Arts (ELA) and Math Standards.

### DISTRICTS

#### SHOULD

- Assist school leaders with using the Family Guides to support parents' understanding and use of the materials.
- Offer a "Getting to Know the Guides" meeting for leadership teams to become familiar with the guides.
- Place guides in various locations throughout the district to build parent and community stakeholder interest.
- Host a Community Stakeholder Night and provide the opportunity for various organizations and community members to understand the use and application of the guides.

#### SHOULD NOT

- Place the guides in your lobby for display purposes only.
- Distribute the guides to schools without providing training them first.

### SCHOOLS

#### SHOULD

- Provide parents training on the use of the guides.
- Give them to parents at Parent/Teacher Conference Day and **EXPLAIN** how to use them to help their child.
- Host a Parent Night and provide the opportunity for parents to become familiar with the guides.
- Provide supports on effective use of guides to after-school centers.

#### SHOULD NOT

- Send home in the bookbag for parents to figure out how to use.
- Give them to parents without explaining them first.
- Hand them out at a PTO meeting without explanation.

### PARENTS

#### SHOULD

- Partner with your child's teacher to understand skills, classroom materials, and resources needed to ensure your child's success.
- Attend the Parent/Teacher Conference.
- Take advantage of the opportunities to attend meetings that your child's school is hosting.
- Contact your school with any questions you have about your child's success.

#### SHOULD NOT

- Become frustrated if your child struggles with a standard or skill.
- Miss the opportunity to attend scheduled teacher meetings at school.
- Forget that your child's education is a priority and he needs support at home as well as school.