

# Colorado's Promising Partnership Practices

## Dunn Elementary School

### English Language Learner (ELL) Parent Engagement Night

#### ELD information / Access CMAS night

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### Summary

This practice provides the international parent community at Dunn Elementary with information about Access & CMAS testing. Parents gain knowledge about state tests, feel comfortable, learn and meet with other cultures, and learn how to support their students at home.

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### Description

All of Dunn's English Language Learner families were invited to attend. We sent invitations. Food was served and child care was provided. We had an Introduction and ice breaker activity (M&M activity) and ELD teachers presented a PowerPoint with information about testing. They provided the parents with information on how they can practice with their students at home and prepare them for the test, and how to support their children at home. Parents learned how to access the school website and practice the test online.

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<https://dun.psdschools.org/>

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### Learning

Parents learned and understood the purpose and importance of ELA Access & CMAS testing. After the event, parents are more aware and involved in their child's education and know how to help their children prepare at home.

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### Participants & Feedback

Parents at Dunn are from Libya, China, Puerto Rico, Korea, Brazil, Greece, Japan, India, and Saudi Arabia. We conducted a survey and received feedback via email after the event. Positive words were shared overall. Parents said they appreciated the food and thought the ice breaker activity was a great idea and gave the parents a chance to get to know each other.

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## Poudre School District

### Financial Aid & FASFA Information for Arabic Speaking Parents & Students

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#### Summary

This is a partnership between Poudre School District and Colorado State University to provide Arabic speaking parents and high school students information about FAFSA and financial aid and how to apply for college scholarships. Information on how juniors can prepare themselves and improve their GPA to be qualified for scholarships and financial support.

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#### Family Liaison Outreach

- Coordinate with Financial Aid Team from Colorado State University to present to students and parents
- Invite parents and students in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade from the four PSD high schools
- Coordinate meal for event



<https://financialaid.colostate.edu/scholarships/>

<https://www.psdschools.org/academics/academic-standards-graduation-requirements>

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#### Learning

- Understanding who qualifies for financial aid
- Special circumstances that qualify for scholarships
- Requirement for scholarships (grades, GPA)
- Career pathway specific scholarship questions

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#### Participants

- Arabic speaking parents in PSD come from Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Yemen, Kuwait and Iraq
  - Arabic speaking parents meet every month to discuss students educational progress and development
  - The Family Liaison continuously checks student grades and encourages parents to check grades and GPA regularly.
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