

THE OFFICE OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PRESENTS:

SCSD Together We Rise

FALL FAMILY CONFERENCE

Saturday,
November 15,
2025

ITC High School,
258 East Adams St.



Scan QR code to
register for a
session, today!



Registration: 9:00am-9:45am

Superintendent Pamela J. Odom

Greeting: 9:45am-10:00am

Session I: 10:00am-10:45am

Session II: 10:50am-11:35am

Session III: 11:40am-12:15pm

Lunch to Go: 12:15pm

- Lunch to go available for families who attend a minimum of two sessions
- Childcare available for those who pre-register

Workshops

Preparing Your Preschooler for Kindergarten Success: A Guide for Families (This workshop is focused on families with PreK students that receive Special Education Services)

Session I (Room 125)
Facilitator: Jackie Adamo

This presentation guides families on preparing preschoolers for kindergarten, with a focus on children not in formal pre-k settings and those with special needs. It emphasizes the importance of early preparation and covers key areas such as language development, social

skills, motor skills, and basic math and pre-literacy concepts. The presentation offers practical, age-appropriate activities for families to do at home, including reading together, arranging playdates, and using everyday objects for learning. It also addresses the importance of establishing routines and strategies that support basic communication and emotional development. For children with special needs, the presentation suggests consulting healthcare providers and developing tailored strategies. Lastly, it provides information on accessing community resources and support to aid in the kindergarten preparation process.

In This Together: Families and DEB Building Belonging

Session I, II (Cafeteria)
Facilitators: Dr. Reba Hodge, Sophia Burden, Jasmine Price

Join the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging for a 45-minute session designed to introduce families to our mission, the work we do, and how we support inclusive environments for all. We'll explore what diversity, equity, and belonging mean in practice, share resources available to families, and offer ways to partner with us in fostering a welcoming and affirming community for every child.

What is an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for Families of School-Age Students?

Session I,II (Room 124)
Facilitator: Kristine O'Brien

Are you familiar with your child's IEP? This session will build your knowledge of your child's IEP in order to build a collaborative relationship with your child's school team. Participants will understand the CSE process and the parent/guardian role in the development of the IEP, identify the different parts of the IEP, learn to develop relationships and practices that build home-school collaboration, support a child with a disability and understand the transition planning process for students beginning the year they turn 15.

Yoga for Families!

Session I, II (GYM)
Facilitator: Kristina Russo

Kristina Russo, RYT-200 and Instructional Coach at Syracuse Latin, will provide a story-based yoga practice where students get to practice breathwork and yoga asana as it relates to the story being read. There is time in the session to also practice some other yoga basics. Mats, blocks, and straps will be provided. Shoes must be removed for practice.

Say Yes To Education

Session I, II (Room 126)
Facilitator: Ahmeed Turner

Join us to learn about Say Yes scholarships, what the scholarship will cover while your child is in college, the partnerships that Say Yes works with and the Syracuse College Attainment Network.

Managing Student Loans

Sessions II,III (Room 173)
Facilitator: Pauline Smith

Join us to discover strategies for managing student loans, whether you're currently dealing with them or planning for the future.

Attendance Matters

Sessions II, III (Library)
Facilitator: Shalanda Graham

Join us as we discuss attendance from the lens of the Attendance Coordinator. We will discuss the attendance campaign that started in 2024: Show Up to Glow Up, Rise & Thrive. We will explore the incentives of being in attendance everyday and more.

Transition from Pre School (CPSE) to School-Age (CSE) Special Education Services

Session II (Room 125)
Facilitator: Jackie Adamo

The CPSE (Committee on Preschool Special Education) supports children identified with special needs ages 3–5. As children approach kindergarten age, their services must be reviewed to determine eligibility for CSE (Committee on Special Education) services, which begin at age 5 or when they enter kindergarten. This presentation will explain the important steps in your child's transition from Preschool Special Education (CPSE) to Kindergarten School-Age Special Education (CSE) services. We will outline how the process works, what to expect at each stage, and what documents you'll need to complete.

Practical Strategies and Challenges When Supporting Your Young Child's Social Development at Home: A Round Table Discussion

Session III (Room 125)
Facilitator: Jackie Adamo

Social skills are essential for all children. Parents play a crucial role in developing these skills at home. This session will facilitate a round table discussion of practical strategies for parents to support their children's social development, focusing on basic play skills like greetings, turn-taking, sharing, along with ideas on developing community connections and friendships. Included is a discussion on how to use technology to promote positive social development and the challenges it presents for parents. (Pre-K-5)

Get to Know ParentSquare

Session II,III (Room 189)
Facilitator: Ilean Burton

Join us for this session to learn how to make the most of ParentSquare, the platform the district and school administrators use to share important updates and information with families. We'll walk through how to navigate the platform, customize your settings, and make sure you're receiving messages in the way that works best for you.

HBCU Tour 2027

Session III (Cafeteria)
Facilitator: Chief Monique Wright-Williams

Come learn how to register your child for the next college tour (2027). This is an excellent opportunity for parents of 9th and 10th-graders to be fast-tracked for the upcoming tours. If seats for the 2026 tours become vacant, a waitlist will be created for students wishing to attend this year's tour.

Improving Credit and Managing Debt

Session II (Room 171)
Facilitator: Jason Baribeau

In this interactive workshop, you'll learn how to improve your credit and better manage any debt you may have, including building a positive credit history, reducing your credit utilization and dealing with delinquent debts.

Avoid Fraud and Scam

Session III (Room 171)
Facilitator: Jason Baribeau

With fraud and scams on the rise, it's important to educate yourself. In this workshop, you'll learn how keeping organized can help keep you safe, how to spot common scams and help protect yourself, and what to do if you or a loved one is impacted by fraud or identity theft.

If you have any questions, contact the Office of Family Engagement at 315-435-6459.