

Creating Custom BINGO Cards

Overview

Is there anything you want to add here? Or is this self-explanatory enough?

Step 1: Define Your Theme and Goals

- Visit the National Parent Leadership Month webpage for inspiration and ideas.
- Decide on the focus of your BINGO card. Example themes include:
 - Promoting parent leadership qualities.
 - Celebrating parental involvement in the community.
 - Encouraging participation in leadership development activities.
 - Advocating for parent voice in decision-making.

Step 2: Choose Your Format and Design Your Cards

Create lists of tasks and categories.

- Brainstorm 24-30 activities or prompts related to your theme, and divide the tasks into manageable categories, such as:
 - **Learning:** Facts about parent leadership.
 - **Doing:** Specific actions or activities.
 - **Sharing:** Encouraging participants to promote leadership online or in person.
 - **Exploring:** Discovering new resources or programs.

Next, customize the BINGO cards to fit the theme.

Engagement BINGO

Include activities for parents to engage with local resources and networks. Incorporate interactive prompts like:

- Call your local representative.
- Join a parent support group.
- Participate in a leadership activity.
- Share a story of a parent leader you admire.
- Write a letter to a policymaker advocating for family support.
- Volunteer at a school or community event.
- Attend a workshop or training.

History and Awareness BINGO

Feature parent leadership history or key facts about the NPLM. Add squares with trivia:

- What year did National Parent Leadership Month begin?
- Name a famous parent advocate in your state.

Leadership Recruiting BINGO

Highlight tasks that encourage leadership:

- Nominate a parent leader.
- Attend a leadership webinar.
- Host a brainstorming session.
- Organize a family activity to discuss leadership.
- Learn about a local parent leadership organization.

Event-Based BINGO

Focus on events or specific moments during the celebration. Create squares for:

- Take a photo at an event.
- Post using #ParentLeadershipMonth.
- Watch a webinar.



Step 3: Generate the BINGO Cards

- Use an Online Generator:
 - Go to a free BINGO card generator like My Free Bingo Cards or create a simple card in Word, Canva, or Google Slides.
 - Make a 5x5 grid with a “FREE SPACE” in the center.
- Add Content to Each Square:
 - Randomly place the activities in the squares.
 - Use short, engaging phrases for each task (e.g., “Complete a self-care activity” or “Post on social media using #ParentLeadershipMonth”).
- Brand the Card:
 - Add the logo or theme for National Parent Leadership Month.
 - Use colors and graphics related to parent leadership.

Step 4: Play BINGO!

- **How to Play:** Participants complete tasks on the card to form a BINGO (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line).
- **Prizes or Recognition:** Offer small rewards for completed cards (e.g., certificates, shoutouts on social media).
- **Encourage Sharing:** Ask participants to post completed cards on social media using a custom hashtag, such as #NationalParentLeadershipBingo.

After BINGO: Collect Feedback

After the event or campaign, ask participants to share their experiences. This feedback can help refine your BINGO card for future events and better align it with parent leadership goals.

