

Parents, a Key Component for Educational Success

I begin with defining “parent involvement.”

It isn't just being a homework supervisor..

It isn't just signing the report cards on a report day.

It isn't just buying items for the children.

It isn't just showing up to events or even open house.

It isn't just being involved with the PTA

It means some of the above but a lot more!

Parent involvement in education is about school progress.

Staying on top of your child's learning.

Helping make sure she is keeping up and doing what she needs to be doing.

Hearing her reports.

Having her read you her papers.

It's about staying connected at school.

Returning the papers you are asked to return.

Calling the counselor or the teacher or the principal when there is a need to.

Keeping the school informed.

When Parents Are Involved in Their Children's Education

Children improve their academic performance.

Children develop a positive attitude towards learning.

Children tend to behave well in school.

Children are less likely to drop out of school.

Supporting Your Child's Academic Achievement

What Can Parents Do To Help?

Set clear priorities for studying and learning in the home environment
Communicate to children high expectations for their education and future careers
Become involved in their children's school

Setting Clear Priorities

Provide quiet time for homework and reflection after school
Supervise homework
Make sure their children get enough rest
Turn TV and videogames off during the week or reduce the screen time.
Encourage children to read

Communicate High Expectations

Support and encourage their children as they struggle to achieve.
Express the importance of high achievement in middle and high school for future success in college

Become involved in children's school

Learn about academic courses offered in school.
Keep in touch with their children's teachers.
Talk positive about school and teachers.

The Importance of Parental Involvement in Education Decisions

Parental advice has a significant impact on deciding what courses to study after Xth in school
Parental encouragement has an important role in children's plans to continue their education beyond high school
Students with greater levels of parental involvement are more likely to take advanced courses

Supporting Your Child

Ask your child three questions daily:

- 1. What are you learning?**
- 2. Are you doing good work? How do you know?**
- 3. Why is it important to do good work?**

My final word.

Behind every successful student is an involved parent. Positive parent involvement is a key for academic success. You need to begin with defining “parent involvement.” Parent involvement doesn’t just happen. School districts need to make it happen. School districts can’t afford to ignore this issue. School districts have a responsibility to look for ways to involve parents. What are we doing about this?

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