



Effective Schools

Effective programs assist parents in creating a home environment that fosters learning and provides support and encouragement for their children's success

Family Involvement

- Research demonstrates that parent/ family involvement significantly contributes to improved student outcomes.
- Everyone --students, parents, teachers, administrators, and communities -- benefits from family involvement.



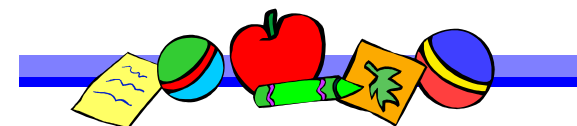
Research on Involvement

- Positive parent/family involvement improves student outcomes throughout the school years.
- While parent/family involvement improves student outcomes, variations in culture, ethnicity, and/ or socioeconomic background affect how families are involved.
- Parent/family involvement in school programs help children succeed in their studies and transition from grade level to grade level.
- Parent/families may need guidance and assistance in how to effectively help their children with homework.



Parental Involvement

Highlighting Parental Involvement in Education



GET INVOLVED!

- Become involved.
- Volunteer in school.
- Have a Positive Attitude towards your child's education.



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Factors in Involvement

- Parents are a child's first teachers.
- Parents should recognize the importance of becoming involved or know where to begin
- All parents have hopes and goals for their children
- Parents are the central contributors to a child's education.
- Parent involvement requires a vision, policy, and framework. A con-



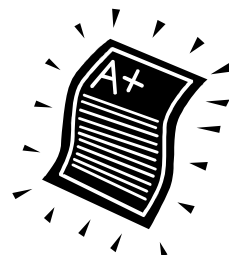
Barriers to Involvement

- Cultural differences (language barriers, attitudes toward professionals, lack of knowledge of the American education system);



What are the Benefits?

- More positive attitudes toward school;
- Higher achievement, better attendance, and more homework completed consistently;
- Better schools to attend.



“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.”
- Jane D. Hull

Benefits for Parents

- Greater knowledge of education programs and how they work.
- Knowledge of how to be more supportive of children;
- Greater confidence about ways to help children learn;

Benefits for School Staff

- Greater teaching effectiveness;
- Higher expectations of students;
- Increased ability to understand family views and cultures;
- Greater appreciation of parent volunteers.