



Enhancing Student Achievement

a guide for parents

4 Important Facts About Parent Involvement

1. Parent Involvement boosts student achievement.
2. Parent Involvement is actually a better predictor of academic success than standardized tests.
3. Parent Involvement is defined as “any variety of activities that allow parents to participate in the educational process at home or in the school”.
4. Parent Involvement declines as students age.

At the secondary level, students can send messages to parents/guardians and families that they want to do things on their own. Both the research and the experience of staff indicate that students’ experiences and their achievement will be enhanced with the continued partnership between families, school staff and the students.

Value Education

- Model positive learning behaviour and create a climate of high expectations.
- Visit learning websites, model reading at home, and discuss ‘learning opportunities’ as a family.
- Speak positively about kids, school staff, school and education.
- Make attendance and being on-time for class a priority.
 - Ensure daily routines support school attendance.
 - Schedule appointments outside of school time as much as possible.
 - Plan family holidays around the school calendar.

Be Present in Learning

- Have genuine interest.
- Ask questions, open dialogue, talk about school with your child.
- Know your child’s timetable, teachers’ names, and course content.
- Seek open and regular communication with the teacher and school.
- Attend parent/teacher interviews, school events, shows and other functions.
- Ensure accurate contact information – phone numbers, email, etc. – are on file.



Homework and Extra Help

- Ask “What assignments do you have?” rather than “Do you have any homework?”
- Make active use of course websites when available.
- Help with homework, discuss big assignments and help schedule steps for timely completion.
- Be aware of extra-help opportunities at school and online math and literacy help.
- When students have “no homework” encourage reviewing, reorganizing, rewriting and reading.

Organization and Student Achievement

- Assist with organization of your child’s calendar, notebooks, digital files, library and other borrowed resources, etc.
- Reinforce the importance of deadlines and due dates.
- Ask your child for marks and results, contact teacher if more information is required.
- Encourage a healthy schedule with regular meals, regular physical activity and monitoring for enough, but not too much involvement.