

## PARENTAL SUPPORT TO LEARNING

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Parents have a right to know about their children's academic progress and involvement in school. Maintaining parental involvement fosters a sense of belonging that helps both the child and the school. Furthermore, effective communication with parents may increase student performance and reduce absenteeism and dropout rates because the teacher is already aware of the students' home background and situation, which may influence their behavior in school.

The effectiveness of the learners' education depends on the development of a positive parent-teacher relationship. Teachers, on the other hand, frequently experience a lack of parental involvement in school initiatives. Some parents work so hard that they do not have time to keep track of their children's academic progress or behavior at school, particularly those who work abroad and rely on relatives to guide them and attend meetings on their behalf. To be honest, teachers understand their situation since they do know how critical their employment is in meeting the family's financial demands, especially in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Finding time for parents to attend school activities or support their children is one of the most difficult tasks, especially for families with limited financial means. It is also difficult for the teacher when the students are expected to do well academically yet receive no help from their families.

Establishing a link between schools and homes, as well as creating a safe atmosphere for parents of various socioeconomic levels, can be difficult. It can also be a struggle for parents who do not know how to read or write, or whose mother tongue is

not the same as the one used in school, to feel comfortable attending speeches or school events. As a result, educational institutions must exert an extra effort to ensure that such parents feel welcomed and appreciated.

Parental participation has been linked to a variety of advantages for students of all ages. There is no need for a high degree of participation; parents can favorably affect their children's future simply by inquiring how they fared in school and attending school meetings. According to experts, the degree to which a student's family is active in their education is the best determinant of their success. Students become more motivated and develop a passion of learning when they sense their parents' support.

Teachers, on the other hand, notice significant changes in their classes when parents become involved, such as increases in student motivation, performance, and even character. Collaboration with parents can also aid in identifying needs and goals, as well as discussions about how parents can help. Communication with parents allows the teacher to listen to parents' concerns and provide further information on their children's education.

As a result, parental involvement benefits everyone, including the school, teachers, parents, and, most importantly, learners, who become more motivated and develop a love of learning.

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