

BUILDING GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH PARENTS: A KEY TO SUCCESS

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A good relationship between families and schools is necessary for the pupil's success. It has been proven that the more parents and teachers go along well the greater the chance of the pupils to achieve academically. A positive parent-teacher relationship helps the child feel good and be successful in school. Here are some of the tips on how a teacher could build a positive relationship with parents.

The first thing the teacher should do is to establish good communication with them. In every relationship, good communication is the key factor in making a smooth relationship. Always talk to them with respect. Teachers should not always expect that they should only be the ones to be respected because of their profession but also parents need to be treated well and with courtesy. Teachers should learn to use kind and convincing words in dealing with parents. A smooth flow of information between parents and teachers will have a positive impact on the part of the pupils.

Hold your homeroom PTA meeting regularly. Homeroom PTA meetings are vital in making the parents well-informed about their child's progress in school as well as with the different programs and activities of the school. It will also provide opportunities to know them, be familiarized with them, and bond with them. As much as possible, know their names. Remembering their names will make them feel good and motivated in attending meetings.

Let parents know that they can be a big help to you. Involve them in decision-making. Try to seek their assistance on school matters to which they can contribute.

Asking for help from them will make them feel that they are valued. This will motivate them to take action in participating in the different programs and projects of the school.

If possible, conduct home visitations. This strategy will let them realize that you are willing to devote your time just to meet and talk to them regarding school matters and their children's performance in class. This is also one way of encouraging them to engage themselves in supporting the activities of the school and in monitoring their children's achievement in school. This could also develop the feeling that you value their children a lot and that you exerted effort in visiting them thus creating that feeling that they themselves should also start giving enough attention to their children's scholastic performance. If you can't do visitations, giving them phone calls will also do you a favor.

Admit to yourself that you need parents in helping your pupils because you cannot do the job alone. Stop bragging that you don't need them. Remember that parents are the children's teachers at home so they know their children's characteristics and attitudes better than we do. Working collaboratively with parents will surely be of great impact on you as teachers. It's like finding a tandem and rapport system in developing and improving the abilities of your pupils.

Following these suggestions will certainly help you a lot as a teacher. Always remember that by working positively with parents, you can help your learners achieve their full potential.

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