

## PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT IN THE LEARNERS' MATHEMATICAL SKILLS

by:

REYNALYN B. FLORDELIZ

Teacher I

Mathematics is considered one of the hardest subjects in school. It deals with the numbers, spaces, shapes, and patterns that require a deep understanding, skills, and confidence to perform. To become better at mathematics, it is necessary to have time to practice and the eagerness to enhance numeracy skills. Learning mathematics does not end outside the school; it can be continued at home, where parents are available. Parents are important in the learning process of children because it can develop not just a strong relationship between the parent and the child but also a positive attitude towards mathematics. Parents' tough support for the learners is unarguably important to the child's progress.

The Official Website of DepED Division of Bataan

For total parental engagement in the learner's mathematical skills, parents must be given instruction, materials, and assistance on how to set high expectations for their children's mathematical performance at home in a culturally appropriate manner. It is very important that the parents are also confident in mathematics so the learners have the trust to ask questions whenever they feel that the subject is giving them anxiety. Additionally, parents should give their children an intrinsic motivation to study mathematics, from the easiest to the most complex parts of numbers, so they can see the beauty of the subject beyond. After all, mathematics has always been fun to learn because of the challenges it brings that lead to success.

To sum it up, parental involvement is always part of the success of the children, whether in mathematics or in any other subject. It is already proven and tested. Learning is a continuous process that does not end in school, it is everywhere. In addition, it can be fun

and an exciting experience if both parents and children are helping one another learn and solve even the most difficult questions in mathematics. Mathematics teaches people not just to understand numbers, spaces, shapes, and patterns; it teaches people to be more confident to solve struggles in life, to have more patience to reach the goal, and to have the courage, humility, and determination to find the answers to the problem.

*References:*

Eve Kikas (2017), Parental Involvement in Math Homework: Links to Children's Performance and Motivation,  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00313831.2017.1324901>