

WHO SHARES RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION?

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Parents play a vital role in the whole development of their children. It starts from conception throughout the life process of the child. In every stages of development, parents should perform their duties, role, and responsibilities in order to transform the child into a productive individual in the future. As education of a child, starts at home particularly, during the formative years which is a crucial part the parents should take an extra care and effort in order to surpass this stage.

Parents primary role is to provide the basic child's needs for his/her development not only the physical needs but also the emotional, spiritual, intellectual, and educational needs. Providing these needs will ensure a good future of the child. Teaching the her/him the importance of education and desirable values will add to the factors that will make the child capable in meeting the challenges of every stages of life that will mold her to be a good and productive citizen of the country.

As the child enters school, parents' support must be evident. Parent's role must be seen and felt not only at school but also at home wherein the learning should continue. Gone are the days, that the education of a child lies only in the hands of teachers. Education should be the joint responsibility of parents, teachers/school, and the government. The government provides free access to quality education, teachers are the facilitators of learning, and parents are the number one supporter of learning. It is a dilemma that as the child enters school, the responsibilities for his/her learning is the sole responsibility of the teacher. Parents forget to do their part in the education of the child. The burden was left on the teacher and the school to mold and educate the child. It should

not be that way. Parents should be strengthened their role and support to the learning development of their child. Homeroom PTA meetings and other school activities and programs must be attended by parents. It should be a two-way process between the teacher and parent for they are the co-partners in the education of the precious child. Parents should render their time in guiding the child in answering his/her assignment and projects at home. Even the Bible in the book of Deuteronomy 11:9 commanded that parents should teach the children in the house whether they are sitting or doing other household chores.

The Bible stresses that parents are responsible in training their child in all aspects of life." Train up a child in the way he should go when he is old he will not depart from it. "(Proverbs 22 verse 6). Training the child is not limited when they enter school it is a continues process that need fulfilling the parents' role in education of children. Parents don't need to be scholars to teach their children and encourage learners to pursue their studies and to love education. We must bear in mind that as parents it is not enough to feed and provide them shelter. It is our responsibility to train them so that they will not go astray and not to be a liability of the society.

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