

EFFECTS OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT ON THE LEARNING PROCESS OF A CHILD

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Parents are in charge of their children's upbringing. They are responsible for giving their child the best care and greatest love that seeks to foster resilience and better development. Yet, they should be aware of the responsibilities that are on them to give their child the security and future they deserve as they step into the modern world.

Parental involvement refers to parents' contributions to their child's education. This includes actively attending parent-teacher meetings, participating in school events, and routinely communicating with the child's teacher. It plays an important role in the child's achievement and academic growth in school. According to Chen, various studies have revealed that when parents are involved in their education, students perform better in school. Research shows that students who are supported by parents show significant improvement academically compared to those who lack parental guidance, which also marks huge progress in the development of positive parent-child relationships.

In my almost four years of teaching, I have handled pupils who struggle mostly in reading, mathematics, and even writing. Digging deeper into the situation to be able to see where the problem is coming from, it is sad to know that most of these kids are not only tasked with work at a very young age, but parents also fail to guide their studies at home. There is no follow-up at home; they don't get support with their homework and are even ignored with their projects. On the other side, students who are loved, cared for, and supported by parents or guardians perform well in class. They are the ones who come to school eagerly and attentively.

Children should be at school studying, not working on jobs or playing in the streets. This is one of their fundamental human rights: the right to education. Having their nose in books and not their toes outside bleeding to make a living is the bare minimum. Every child deserves to be educated to prepare them for the bright future that awaits them.

A parent-teacher conference is important, as is home visitation. Unfortunately, most of the time, after a couple of conferences and home visits we still tend to fail to get the full support of the parent. This is one of the main reasons for excessive absenteeism and a higher chance of a child dropping out. Despite all the hard work, dedication, and extensive effort of the teachers to save the child from dropping out, we still could not avoid this devastating situation. A miserable battle that educators struggle to win. Regardless of this sad reality, teachers will always do their best to save every child from this unfortunate event. Through perseverance, hard work, and a burning passion for teaching, together with consistent communication with the parents, no child will be left behind.

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