

ROLE OF PARENT'S SUPPORT ON THE SPORTS PARTICIPATION OF THE STUDENTS

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Parents play a crucial part in the development of students, not only in academics, sports, and other related disciplines and matters. Sports fans held that playing sports aids in developing a student-athlete's sound body and mind. The relationship between involvement in sports, academic achievement, and parental support has been extensively researched and documented elsewhere. Research has shown that participation in sports, parental support, and academic achievement are all positively correlated. Baker and Schempp (2023). According to research conducted in the Philippines, 70% of student respondents, on average, said that playing sports had improved their academic performance.

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Nevertheless, there has reportedly been a decline in the number of student-athletes engaged in sports. The emergence of mobile and internet games has been identified as one of the factors that led to the decline of traditional sports. Only 5% of Filipino youth participate in sports, according to a commissioner of the Philippine Sports Commission regularly. Some detractors believed that players' participation in athletics hampered their academic advancement. As the level of competition rises, athletes must practice longer, which cuts into their study time. This weariness and exhaustion prevents them from understanding their lessons, which might lead to poor performance. Studies have also suggested no connection between doing sports and doing well in school. Harris and Goodall, (2023).

Likewise, It is worth mentioning that parental support is a decisive factor in influencing students' involvement in sports. Fraser-Thomas, Côté, and Deakin (20230)

found out the impact of parental involvement in sports participation from parents and showed such improvement and development of students in athletic activities. Larson and Verma (2022) extend the preceding in a finding that various dimensions of parental support, including encouragement and logistical support, have positive impacts on the participation and development of students in sports through an active kind of engagement of parents; there can be increased participation and better outcomes for young athletes. Gould and Carson (2023) provided a systematic review of recent studies indicating that parents are central participants in sporting success and their level of involvement directly impacts the student's athletic experience. These studies, taken together, emphasize parental support's vital role in developing and maintaining young people's participation in sports.

Thus, Sports coordinators need to be aware of the critical role that parental support plays in developing motivating strategies, carrying out interventions, and obtaining new perspectives on how best to assist athletes' academic achievement. Furthermore, the data will be helpful to parents, serving as the foundation for their ongoing support of sports programs and increased effectiveness of DepEd staff in meeting student-athletes needs in realizing and fulfilling their potential.

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