

PARTNERS IN LEARNING THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

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Modern schooling is rarely a solo endeavor conducted behind a chalkboard or a screen. Research es consistently prove that when mothers, fathers, and guardians engage with lessons at home, test scores and student motivation tend to improve (Wilder, 2023; Lerner, et al., 2022; Naite, 2021). Even informal tutoring and casual dinner-table discussion create a second classroom that mirrors, supplements, and sometimes outpaces formal instruction inside the school.

Parents serve as first teachers at home during the early stages of their child's life. They willingly accept their roles as primary educators, tirelessly naming objects, modeling speech, and offering social cues long before the child begins formal schooling. They are responsible for laying down foundational concepts like language and social skills, which are an introduction to formal education. It is from here that they get a lifelong interest in learning due to curiosity or being eager to get to know facts and ideas. As children grow up, parental roles change, but their support and involvement still greatly affect the children's performance at school.

Parents can also make positive contributions to their children's education by providing them a favorable learning environment at home. These include establishing homework/study time and space at home as well as the provision of relevant learning materials. By checking out what is happening at school and or even by simply asking the children how their day went, parents can motivate the children and instill in them the love of learning.

This communication between parents and teachers is also an important aspect of parental involvement. Parents need to have regular interaction with their teachers, attend PTA meetings, and be informed of what is happening to their child academically or socially. Cooperation between teachers and parents can help to identify the learning problems or behavioral issues that children may have, early enough before it is too late for them to receive any assistance required.

Parental involvement is also not limited to academics. In fact, the social and emotional development of their children is also essential, and parents play a critical role in this (Martinez-Yarza et al., 2024). By nurturing their child's self-esteem and resilience, parents empower them to deal with the complexities of schooling. Encouraging extracurricular activities, strengthening friendship, and teaching worthwhile life skills, such as time management skills and problem-solving, will contribute to a child's all-around growth and development. These are also abilities that can improve academic performance while giving them preparation for their future careers as they progress in life.

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In the age of digital transformation in education, proper parental involvement extends to monitoring the time children spend with their gadgets. Technology has become an important tool in education; hence there is a need for parents to ensure appropriate use of it by their children. This entails setting boundaries on screen time, ensuring access to educational materials, and teaching digital literacy skills. In order to support learning within the context of today's world, parents should keep abreast with current educational technologies and resources.

Being parents comes with so many responsibilities that cannot be overlooked at any given point in life, as far as school matters are concerned. This includes creating a conducive learning environment, keeping an open line of communication for teachers, promoting social-emotional growth among learners, and guiding responsible usage of

technology. All these efforts encourage shared responsibility that will allow students work together towards achieving their maximum potential as learners.

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