

## **STRONGER TOGETHER: BUILDING PARENT SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP**

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Collaboration between parents, the school, and other organizations is highlighted by the partnership in the school's focus on the project. It is the school's objective that all members collaborate with the community in order to build a network of support between parents, students, and the community. It can increase student achievement and decrease dropout rates while also improving academic performance and attendance. In addition to increasing parent involvement and community engagement through education, student awareness and holistic learning also foster community-based shared decision-making, which can foster trust and effective communication. Parents are kept updated on plans through reflection communication, which also strengthens the assessment workshop and shares decision-making and volunteer opportunities. Parents' confidence and the overall development of pupils would both rise if all of these were successful in improving students' academic performance and social growth.

Strong family partnerships can thrive when schools adopt equitable and inclusive policies that promote and welcome families. Families bring distinct experiences and backgrounds to the school community, and effective two-way communication is essential to establishing and preserving these relationships. Communication mechanisms that empower caregivers and promote trust should be implemented in schools. Being prompt, transparent, and solution-focused is also crucial. Whether through newsletters, images, videos, or in-person interactions, schools should offer a variety of communication channels and always start off by offering encouraging remarks before talking about difficulties.

Schools can improve relationships by giving families regular chances to interact with the school community and one other. The physical aspects of family participation should also be taken into account by schools, which should plan events at times and places that are convenient for parents.

Family partnerships should develop over the course of the academic year rather than being a one-time occurrence. Schools should recognize the special resources and strengths that families provide to the community and treat them as co-educators. Here are some strategies for encouraging teamwork:

Extend parents roles: Encourage families to join school committees, parent support groups, and event teams in addition to providing academic help.

Make parents expectations clear: Inform parents that sharing their child's experiences with the teacher is more important than teaching content.

Plan family activities: Arrange events like Family Day, when families can make family collages or discuss customs. A wonderful approach for parents to record their child's activities at home and share them with the class is through family journals.

Schools must be purposeful, inclusive, and sensitive to the needs of families in order to foster good family partnerships, which is an ongoing process. Schools may provide a supportive atmosphere where parents and teachers collaborate to guarantee student success by establishing equitable policies, addressing cultural and linguistic differences, and providing opportunities for communication and collaboration. Strong family-school relationships are essential to creating effective learning communities, and students benefit most when families are treated with respect and feel valued.

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