

## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT LEADS TO LEARNERS' ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

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Education does not start and stop inside the classroom. While teachers play a crucial role in guiding and inspiring learners every day, the influence of parents is just as powerful. Research and real-life school experiences show a clear truth: students do better when their parents are actively involved in their learning. And parental involvement is not just about attending meetings or recognition programs. It is about creating a meaningful partnership with the school that supports the child's academic journey.

Parental engagement is about parents taking an active and positive role in their child's education. This could include regular communication with teachers, supporting homework at home, participating in school events, and fostering a learning-friendly environment at home. In short, it's about being truly involved in your child's academic life.

Engaged parents can make a huge difference in a child's development: (1) Boosts academic performance. Children with involved parents tend to get higher grades and do better in exams. (2) Encourages regular school attendance. Motivation from home helps learners come to school on time and stay consistent. (3) Shapes good behavior and social skills. Positive guidance at home reflects in interactions with peers and teachers. (4) Builds responsibility. Children learn to take ownership of their studies and daily tasks. (5) Fosters confidence – With parental support, learners feel more capable of tackling academic challenges.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation (2025) offers seven practical tips for parents to stay engaged: (1) Make learning a priority by creating routines that help children complete homework. (2) Read to and with your children regularly. (3) Ask teachers how they prefer to communicate. (4) Attend school events whenever possible. (5) Encourage conversations about school experiences. (6) Share meals together and use that time to talk about learning. (7) Maintain open communication with teachers.

Parental involvement does not just help children do well in school. It shows them that someone truly cares about their success. When parents and teachers work together, children benefit from a strong support system that empowers them to reach their full potential. By taking the initiative to stay connected and involved, parents unlock the key to their child's academic growth. After all, the journey to learning is a partnership between home and school.

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