

SCHOOL-PARENT COLLABORATION IN CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT

by:

Sarah Dane P. Salvador

Teacher III, San Pablo Elementary School

Collaboration between schools and parents plays a major role in shaping children's success. Learning does not only take place in the classroom, but also at home where their values and skills are first formed. When teachers and parents work together, the direction and goals for the child's overall development become clearer. Pendikdikan (2025) pinpointed that the relationship between school and family plays an important role in the educational process, especially in creating a conducive, supportive, and participatory learning environment.

Parents are a child's first teacher. They provide the foundation for discipline, respect, and a love of learning. When parents actively participate in school activities—such as attending meetings, talking to the teacher, and monitoring homework—the child's confidence and motivation to work harder are strengthened.

On the other hand, open communication from the school is also important. Providing clear information about the child's progress, needs, and abilities helps parents provide the right support at home. In this way, home and school become partners in resolving any learning or behavioral problems.

Collaboration also results in positive behavior and good behavior. When children see their parents and teachers working together, they better understand the importance of responsibility and respect for authority. Having a common message from home and school helps prevent confusion and misbehavior.

In addition, collaboration strengthens emotional support for children. In times of challenge – whether academic or personal – a child feels more resilient when he knows that someone is working together for his or her benefit. Such an environment promotes a safe and nurturing space for learning and growth.

Active parental participation can also inspire the community. When other families see the positive results of the school’s engagement, they are encouraged to join in. Eventually, a community is formed that cares and works together for the benefit of the child.

In this modern era, it is also important to use technology as a bridge for communication. Through online platforms, group chats, and virtual meetings, immediate information sharing and coordination are facilitated. Fast and smooth communication is key to promptly responding to the needs of the child.

The collaboration of parents and schools is a powerful ingredient in shaping successful and responsible citizens. Collective action, open communication, and a common goal for the well-being of the child produce a stronger foundation for their future. Through collaboration, education becomes more meaningful and effective for each child.

References:

Pendidikan (2025) The Role of Collaboration Between Educators and Parents in Creating Effective Learning Administration, retrieved from https://www.researchgate.net/publication/394128143_The_Role_of_Collaboration_Between_Educators_and_Parents_in_Creating_Effective_Learning_Administration