

Parent Involvement Matters

"When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more."

Report from the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory

Families whose children are doing well in school exhibit the following characteristics:

1. Establish a daily family routine.

Examples: Providing time and a quiet place to study, assigning responsibility for household chores, being firm about bedtime and having dinner together.

2. Monitor out-of-school activities.

Examples: Setting limits on TV watching, checking up on children when parents are not home, arranging for after-school activities and supervised care.

3. Model the value of learning, self-discipline, and hard work.

Examples: Communicating through questioning and conversation, demonstrating that achievement comes from working hard.

4. Express high but realistic expectations achievement.

Examples: Setting goals and standards that are appropriate for children's age and maturity, recognizing and encouraging special talents, informing friends and family about successes.

5. Encourage children's development/progress in school.

Examples: Maintaining a warm and supportive home, showing interest in children's progress at school, helping with homework, discussing the value of a good education and possible career options, staying in touch with teachers and school staff.

6. Encourage reading, writing, and discussions among family members.

Examples: Reading, listening to children read and talking about what is being read.

Students with involved parents are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and test scores, and enroll in higher-level programs;
- Be promoted, pass their classes, and earn credits;
- Attend school regularly;
- Have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school; and
- Graduate and go on to postsecondary education" (Henderson & Mapp, 2002).

Links for Parent Section in addition to Food and Nutrition
School View

Parent Resources (from curriculum)

ISD 885 Information Brochure

School Emergency

District Map and School Boundaries
Census and Early Childhood Screening
Communication
District News
Annual Report
Legislative Action