

PARENT INVOLVEMENT CHECKLIST

How to Help Your Child Do Better

Parental involvement is critical in your child's educational progress. The following checklist provides information of parent behaviors that promote student achievement.

Focus on Attitude

- Stress the importance of education and doing one's best in school.
- Express a belief in your child's ability to be successful.
- Help your child set short and long term educational goals.
- Celebrate your child's academic accomplishments.
- Set high, attainable expectations.

Focus on Academics

- Support reading with age-appropriate home activities.
- Assure that your child has a consistent time and place to do homework.
- Ensure your child has access to materials to complete assignments.
- Regularly discuss and ask to see your child's work.
- Attend workshops on helping your child at home.

Focus on Behavior

- Monitor television viewing of your child.
- Reinforce positive behaviors such as respect for self and others, hard work and responsibility.
- Know and enforce school behavior expectations.
- Model expectations of appropriate behaviors.

Focus on Building Responsibility

- Ensure that your child has a regular routine.
- Encourage your child to accept responsibility for his/her actions.
- Ensure your child is in attendance and on time to school each day.
- Monitor and promote your child's participation in extracurricular and after-school activities.
- Encourage citizenship in school and community activities.
- Incorporate life skills in daily activities (e.g., problem-solving, perseverance, common sense, respect).

Focus on School and Home Connections

- Communicate regularly with your child's teacher in person, on the phone, by email, or through writing.
- Prepare for and attend teacher conferences, Individualized Educational Plan meetings/Academic Improvement Plan meetings, or other individualized school meetings.
- Check parent viewer and district website regularly.
- Attend all open houses, science fairs, plays, musical events, class trips, sporting events, curriculum nights, or other school activities.
- Volunteer in the school setting when possible (e.g., school advisory committee, PTO, booster clubs, mentoring, tutoring).