

Parent Involvement in Education of Their Wards

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Abstract: Parents play a vital role in educating their children. They are the prime teachers. They are the best persons to mould the children in education. As they know their children's psychology, they can act according to it and teach and involve themselves in educating their wards. It is their prime duty to involve themselves in their wards school/class activities. Their wards also can freely move with their parents and ask their doubts in their subjects, without any hesitation. Parents are the best teachers who can produce useful citizens, more than those useful human beings, to the world.

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INTRODUCTION

Progress of a nation depends upon the level of education of that nation. Education plays a vital role in the development of a country. The government initiates the establishment of various levels of educational institutions and announces its educational policy. The government itself establishes educational institutions and encourages the voluntary organizations, private entrepreneurs to establish educational institutions. It depends upon the policy of that particular country. Even though, the schools and colleges are instructing the students, it is not enough for moulding the children to be fit for the society. Further the learning hours in the institution are not enough for the students for their intellectual and career development. Parents' role is also important in the progress of the children. Without their role it is not complete one. They may admit their children in well reputed institutions and spend more amount of money but that alone will not make the progress of the education of the children. They should also involve and participate in the progress of the education of the children.

Further the role of parents is very important to the education of the children. Most of the studies insist the importance of parental involvement in the education of their children. There are also vast changes in the socio-cultural life of people of this present day, when we compare it with the past. Joint family system prevailed in the Indian society in those days, but the concept of joint family system is being slowly disappearing at present. How is it possible to the parents to involve in the progress of the education of the children? This is the big question before the people, who are advocating the involvement of parents in the

education of their children. Further, is it possible in the busy world, as both parents are going for their job and returning late in the evening or night? However parents can also play a great role in the education of their children. Let us see how the parents also can involve in the educational progress of the children.

Apart from their busy schedule of work, the parents should allot a few hours in a day or few days in a month to monitor the functioning of the school as well as their children's educational progress. It is highly need of the hour which is give to determine the future of their children. They should monitor the activities of their children in the school and check whether their children are properly doing their home work. Further they can also help in their home work.

“When schools, families and community groups work together to support teaching, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more”. A report from southwest Educational Development Laboratory[1].

The following are the objectives of parental involvement in the education of their children:

- To attain better grades and score more marks in the terminal and annual exam in the various levels of school.
- For the better promotion from one class to another.
- To attend the school regularly with the completion of their regular class work.
- To get better social skills, show improved behavior and adapt well in school.
- For the promotion to post secondary education.

The school plays an important role in determining the levels of parental involvement in school. Specifically, schools can outline their expectations of parents and regularly communicate with parents about what children are learning. Also, schools can provide opportunities for parents to talk with school personnel about parents' role in their children's education through meeting the concern class teachers, concern subject teacher, and well planned parents-teachers meeting and open houses.

Parents should be asked to act as volunteer partners in school to take important school decisions. When parents talk to their children about school, expect them to do well, make sure that out of school activities are to be constructive, and prepare them for further higher level education. When schools engage families in ways that improve learning and support parent involvement at home and school, students make greater gains. When schools build partnership with families that respond to parent concerns, honor their contribution and able to sustain connection that are aimed at improving students' achievement.

Benefits of Parental involvement in the education of their children

Parent Involvement Fosters Academic Achievement

Many studies proved that kids perform better in school when their parents are involved with their schoolwork, compared to students whose parents are uninvolved; kids with involved parents get better grades and are thought more highly of by teachers. These effects remain in the future, even if parents become less involved as the child grow or getting promotion for higher grade. Parent involvement in school-based activities seems to have much effect on kids' performance, but home-based parent involvement also plays at least some role. Parents encourage self-discipline among their children, a skill that's critical to school success.

Students Attendance Improves

Students whose parents are involved with their children's schoolwork attend school more regularly than kids whose parents are uninvolved. This probably occurs for a number of reasons. Parents who are involved value school performance highly and encourage their activities. Kids who get help from parents tend to feel more academically competent, so they are less likely to want to avoid going to school. Finally, parent involvement improves kids' attitudes about school, making school attendance more desirable.

Children with Involved Parents Have Better Behavior

Behavior issues often begin to appear during the teen years, especially as kids' cognitive development leads them toward risk taking. Thankfully,

parental attention can help to tend to many of these behavior issues. For instance, children with involved parents have lower rates of problematic and delinquent acts compared to kids whose parents are uninvolved. In addition, kids behave better and less aggressively in the classroom when their parents are involved with their education.

Parent Involvement Improves Social Functioning

Parent involvement in education also aids kids' social functioning. In particular, kids with involved parents have better peer interactions than kids with uninvolved parents. Their social skills also seem to be more advanced. Notably, advanced social skills in turn to lead to better academic outcomes.

Mental Health Is Better With Parent Involvement

Finally, kids with involved parents have better mental health than children whose parents do not get involved with their education. For one, parent involvement in education fosters kids' self-esteem. Children with involved parents also have enhanced skills for regulating emotions and feel negative emotions less often. All in all, when parents choose to become involved with their kids schoolwork, kids benefit not only in the classroom, but far beyond it [3-5].

CONCLUSION

Students with parents who are involved in their school tend to have fewer behavioral problems and better academic performance, and are more likely to complete high school than students whose parents are not involved in their school. Positive effects of parental involvement have been demonstrated at both the elementary and secondary levels across several studies, with the largest effects often occurring at the elementary level. A recent meta-analysis showed that parental involvement in school life was more strongly associated with high academic performance for middle schoolers than helping with homework [2].

Involvement allows parents to monitor school and classroom activities, and to coordinate their efforts with teachers to encourage acceptable classroom behavior and ensure that the child completes schoolwork. Teachers of students with highly involved parents tend to give greater attention to those students, and they are more likely to identify at earlier stages problems that might inhibit student learning. Parental involvements in school, and positive parent-teacher interactions, have also been found to positively affect teachers' self-perception and job satisfaction.

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