

The Benefits of Parental Involvement

Carroll County Schools
Title I

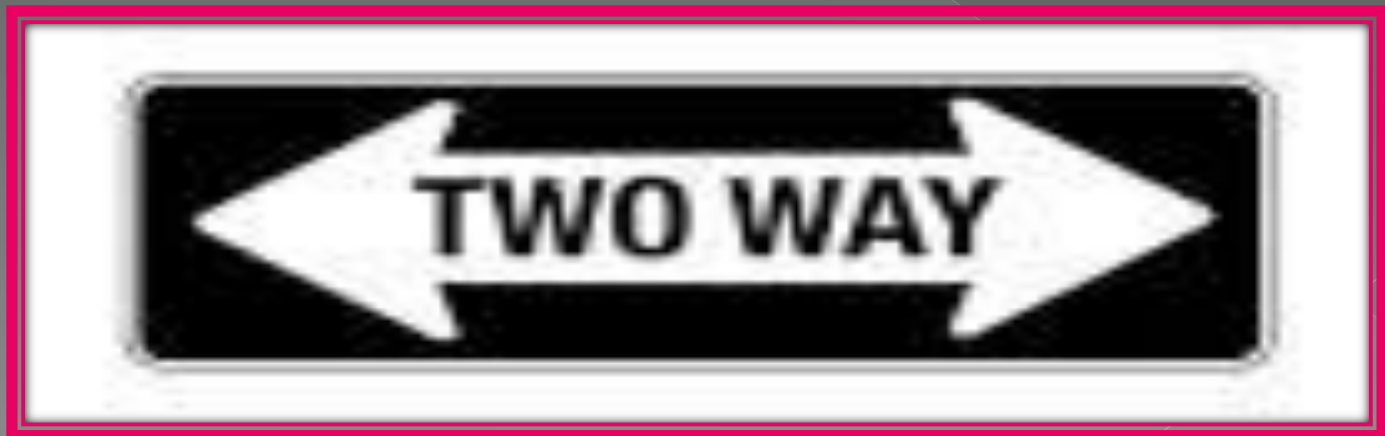


PL for Teachers

- ◉ Title I Schools must educate teachers, pupil services, personnel, principals, and other staff in the following ways:
 - > The value of the contributions of parents
 - > How to reach out to parents
 - > How to communicate with parents as equal partners
 - > Implement and coordinate parent programs
 - > Build ties between parents and the schools

What is Parental Involvement?

The participation of parents in a regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student achievement and other school related activities





Types of Parental Involvement

(5) Volunteering

(4) Communicating

(3) Decision Making

(2) Learning at Home

(1) Parenting



Parenting

- ◉ Invitations to attend workshops, trainings, and visiting school websites
- ◉ Visiting Parent Resource Area
- ◉ Attending Parent-Teacher Conferences



Learning at Home

- ◉ Participation in developing school-parent compact and setting academic goals
- ◉ Calendars with daily or weekly activities for parents and students to complete at home
- ◉ Summer learning packets
- ◉ Take home packets/projects



Decision Making

- ◉ Encourage PTA, PAC, PTO, etc... participation
- ◉ Surveys or phone calls to obtain parental input
- ◉ Title I Program: Use of 1% Parental Involvement Funds



Communicating

- School-Parent Compact
- Translation for ESOL Parents
- Newsletter with calendar of events
- Posting events and activities on school website
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Progress Reports/Report Cards



Volunteering

- PTA/PTO
- Volunteer Hours
- Parent Support Group

Predictors of Student Achievement

- ◎ Not income or social status, but.....
 - > Parents who create a home that encourages student learning
 - > Parents who express high expectations for student achievement and future careers
 - > Parents who become involved in their child's education



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The Benefits for Students

- ◎ Students Achieve More
 - > Regardless of socioeconomic background, race, or parental education level
- ◎ Student Performance Increases
 - > Better grades, higher GPA, test scores, and attendance
- ◎ Better Self-Esteem
 - > Higher aspirations and motivation
 - > toward school



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The Benefits for Parents



- Parent Awareness Improves

- > A better understanding of a teacher's job/the school curriculum
- > More likely to help the student at home when they are made aware of the expectations

- Parent Perception Improves

- > Builds stronger ties and commitment to school

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The Benefits for Educators

- Higher Morale
 - > The more positive parental involvement, the higher the morale of faculty and staff
- Sense of Respect
 - > Educators earn greater respect for the profession from their parents
- Communication Improvement
 - > Consistent parental involvement results in improved communication/strong relationships
- Educator Awareness
 - > Teachers attain an understanding of diverse cultures



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The Benefits for School



- Good Reputation in the Community
 - > Schools with actively involved parents tend to establish better reputations
- Increased Community Support
 - > The community commits to supporting the school when they feel welcomed and a part of the school
- Quality Programs
 - > Schools that encourage parental involvement typically experience higher quality programs

Other Benefits of Parental Involvement



Behavior

- > Parental Involvement improves student attendance -- students maximize opportunities for instructional time
 - Regular behavior problems distract the students and make it difficult to learn

Motivation

- > Involved parents provide the support to encourage their child to perform well
 - Students tend to want to achieve when their parents play an active role in their education

Conclusion

Positive results of parental involvement include improved student achievement, a higher attendance rate, improved student behavior, and restored confidence and belief among parents in their child's learning and the school

