

Staying in the Loop: The Value of Parental Involvement

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Norms

1. Stay engaged
2. Mute your microphone
3. Refrain from mentioning sensitive student and staff information
4. Write your comments or questions to the presenters –at any time- in the public chat space

Expected Outcomes

- Understand the benefits of parental involvement
- Learn about parental involvement opportunities
- Take steps to support parental involvement and communicating with your child



Parental Involvement

What exactly is it?

“A combination of commitment and active participation on the part of the parent/caregiver to the school and to the student.”

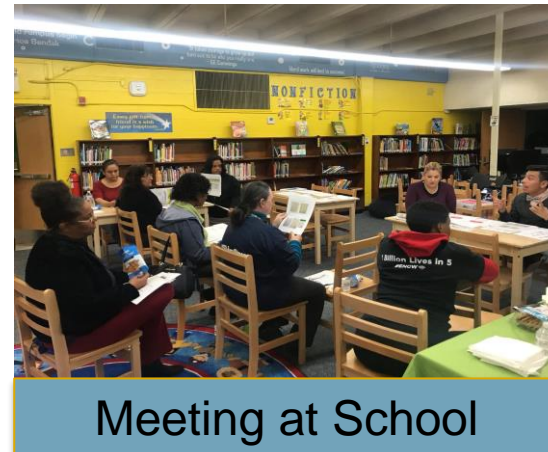
What Research Indicates:

- Enroll in higher-level program
- Succeeds academically
- Attend school regularly
- Improve social and behavioral skills
- Graduate and pursues post-secondary education
- Decreased drug & alcohol use
- Fewer instances of violent behavior
- Increased motivation

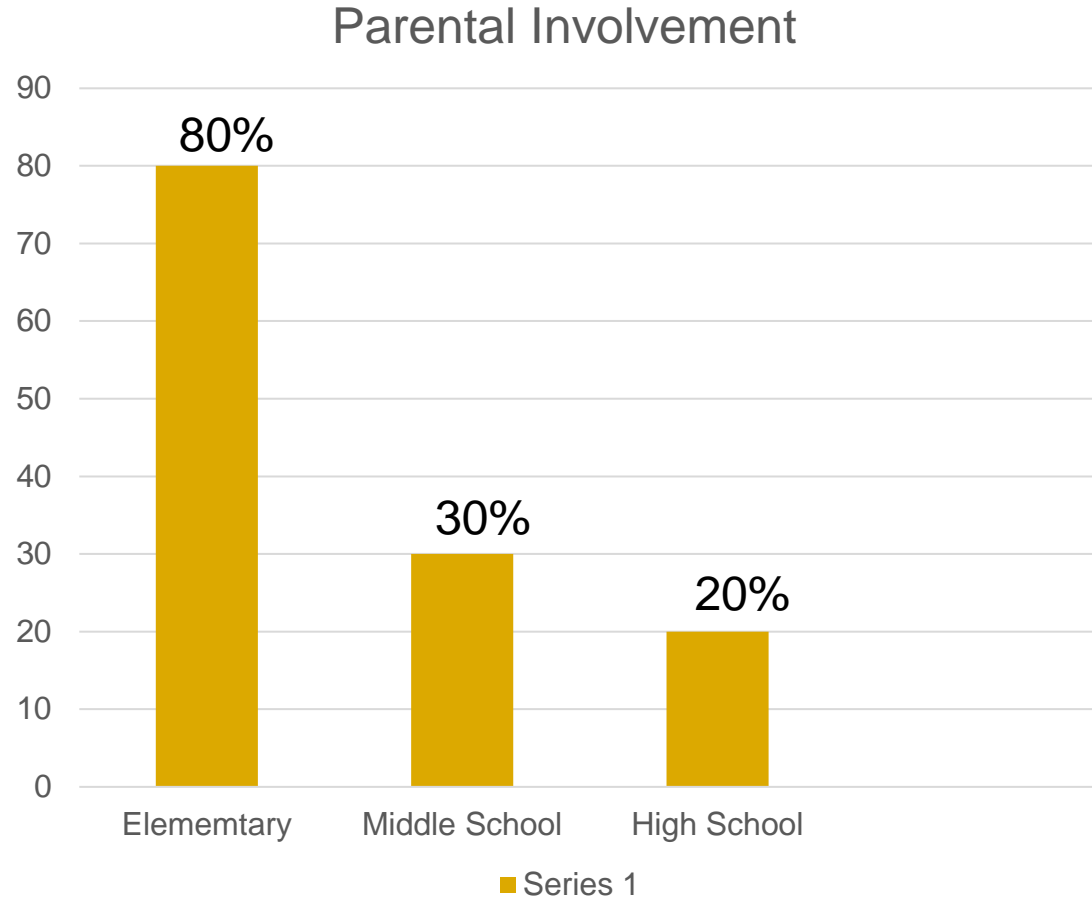


Parental Involvement Opportunities

- ✓ Join your school's parent teacher organization (PTO/PTA)
- ✓ Leading a committee/volunteer group
- ✓ Volunteering at your school
- ✓ Attending Webinars and Meetings online (EX. Microsoft Teams and Zoom)
- ✓ Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ✓ Attending school events



Research Indicates



Why does Parental Involvement decrease from Elementary to Secondary Schools?

- Helping with Homework becomes challenging
- Student's block schedule
- Meeting with teachers' (Time conflicts)
- Talking about College

Talk to your Child While...



Being at home



Driving



Exercising



Working from home

Communication Tips



Benefits of a Parent Teacher Conference

- Opportunity to share information and learn more about your child's learning styles
- You can ask for new strategies to support your child's learning at home
- How to help with homework
- Opportunity for parents and teachers to learn from each other (cultural background)
- Opportunity to enhance and improve communication/relationships between school and families

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
read well by the end of third grade

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
pass important courses

HIGH SCHOOLERS
stay on track for graduation

COLLEGE STUDENTS
earn their degrees

WORKERS
succeed in their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



Virtual Platforms

Contact your child's teacher, select a time, inquire about virtual method the school is using (Zoom, MS Teams, phone conference)

Have your questions ready!



Join Meeting

Meeting ID or Personal Link Name

Remember my name for future meetings
 Don't connect to audio
 Turn off my video



Enter your work, school, or Microsoft account.

Sign-in address

How to Reach Teachers Virtually

- Use electronic communication such as email, text or call to make an appointment
- Set a Microsoft Team parent teacher conference
- Skype meeting
- Zoom webinars
- Class Dojo via text



Levels of Parental Involvement

1. **Parenting:** Family support programs to assist families with health, nutrition, and other services.
2. **Learning @ home:** Information on homework policies and how to monitor and discuss schoolwork at home.
3. **Volunteering:** Parent room or family center for volunteer work, meetings, resources for families.
4. **Collaborating with community:** Information for students and families on community health, cultural, recreational, social support, and other programs or services
5. **Communicating:** Regular schedule of useful notices, memos, phone calls, newsletters, and other communications.
6. **Decision Making:** Active PTA/PTO or other parent organizations, advisory councils, or committees for parent leadership and participation.

The Six Slices of Parental Involvement™



Six Types of Parental Involvement, Epstein, et. al. 2002.

Parent University (Tentatively Online)

HISD provides parents with the support they need to be invested in the success of their children. Parent University supports parents and families in the education of their children, introducing district programs, community resources, and parent-engagement strategies.



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Launch IGNITE (Grades 9-11)

This team will provide direct support to earlier grade levels to positively impact postsecondary enrollment. Students will explore interests and strengths earlier, connecting them to long-term goals and translating those long-term goals to long-term plans with actionable steps.



Launch SENIOR (Grade 12)

The team exists to provide a high-quality comprehensive advising program to all seniors and their families. Learn more...



Launch ACES (Alumni)

This team will support postsecondary transition by providing bridge, summer melt, matriculation, and freshman year support.

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FACE Webinars Workshops

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Building Relationships

Parent Advocacy & Sharing Power

Linked to Learning

Honoring Families

Resources

Academics

- Email: Academics@HoustonISD.org

HISD Service Desk

- Email: ServiceDesk@HoustonISD.org
- Phone: 713-892-7378, 7:30-4:30, M-F

Instructional Technology

- Email: InstTech@HoustonISD.org
- Website: Book an Online Appointment

School Office

- Email: SchoolOffice@HoustonISD.org

Social and Emotional Learning Supports and Questions

- Email: hisdsel@HoustonISD.org



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