



What is parental involvement?

Why is parental involvement important?

- Research shows that children are more successful in school when their parents are involved.
- When parents and their children talk often about school, children do better in school.
- Children whose parents are involved in their education get better grades, have better attendance, and have better behavior.
- A parent's interest in their child's education is the single most powerful predictor of achievement at age 16.

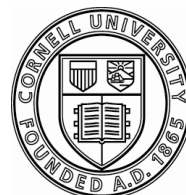
Ways to be involved in your child's education

There are many different ways to be involved in your child's education. All of the following ways are valuable and important. Find ways to be involved that work well for you and your family. You can be involved by:

- Creating a home that supports your child as a student.
- Keeping track of your child's progress in school and talking to the school about your concerns.
- Volunteering at school.
- Helping your child learn at home by doing activities and helping with homework and projects.
- Being involved in school decisions by attending meetings and voting.
- Becoming involved in community activities and programs that help support your family.

Create a home that supports your child as a student

- Help your child find a quiet spot to do homework and make sure she has the supplies she needs.
- Talk to your child about school, class work, and homework.
- Read with your children or talk to them about what they are reading.
- Play games, go places, and do activities as a family.



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Keep track of your child's progress in school

- Communicate with your child's teacher often.
 - Attend parent-teacher conferences.
 - Review homework, grades, progress reports, and report cards.
 - Talk to your child and his teacher if you notice a problem.
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Volunteer at school

- Help organize special school events.
 - Help in your child's classroom.
 - Help with fundraising.
 - Chaperone field trips.
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Be involved in school decisions

- Join parent groups, advisory councils, or other committees.
 - Attend school meetings.
 - Vote in school elections and other voting opportunities.
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Become involved in community activities and programs

- Attend workshops or trainings that provide information about ways you can support your child at home.
 - Use family support programs that help with parenting, health, nutrition, and other topics that might interest you.
 - Attend free events in the community—they are fun and help you meet and connect with other families.
 - Places like the YMCA, Cooperative Extension, libraries, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have many programs and activities for families and children.
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