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PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOLING

September Asset of the Month

“Education is like a baseball game, it needs all its players: parent, teacher, community, and student.” – Unknown

Definition

Parent(s) are actively involved in helping young people succeed in school.

The Importance of Parent Involvement in Schooling

Research shows that youth whose parents are actively involved in their schooling are more engaged in school. Parents whose schedules don't allow volunteering can still support their children's success through parenting, communication, and learning at home.

What You Can Do

- Maintain ongoing communication with your child's teachers.
- Volunteer at your child's school, even a small commitment sends an important message.
- Instead of asking "How was your day?" ask open-ended questions like "What was the best part of your day?" and "Did any of your classmates do anything funny?"
- Help your children maintain a positive attitude about school. Make sure they know that you will be their advocate to resolve any problems or challenges that they encounter.

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