

Dimensions of Parent Involvement-School Readiness

AT HOME



Parenting

- Ensures food, shelter, clothing, health, and safety.
- Nurtures child's self-esteem.
- Fosters child's values, habits, and beliefs.
- Builds consistent routines and positive behaviors.
- Interacts with child through play.
- Practices 2-way parent-child conversation.



Role Modeling

- Demonstrates unconditional love and respect.
- Displays healthy living habits.
- Validates child's emotions.
- Learns along with child.
- Models school and civic engagement.
- Communicates openly with family on a regular basis.
- Listens to child's questions and responds appropriately.



Educational Support at Home

- Understands child's age appropriate development.
- Promotes learning at home.
- Helps child be aware of career and life goals.
- Makes books and reading a part of family life.
- Engages in creative activities like games, art, and music.
- Seeks learning opportunities in libraries and museums.

AT SCHOOL/CENTER



Educational Support at Preschool

- Understands role in their child's education.
- Communicates regularly with school/center staff.
- Attends teacher-parent conferences.
- Develops relationships with teachers and school/center staff.
- Builds relationships with other parents.
- Joins parent education workshops.
- Advocates for their child's learning.



Volunteerism

- Attends workshops on how to be a good volunteer.
- Volunteers in school-wide events and on field trips.
- Assists preschool teachers in the classroom.
- Helps parent center staff.
- Promotes programs with other parents.
- Plans events with program staff.
- Joins beautification committee for center.
- Assists in school safety.



Leadership and Advocacy

- Understands school/center budget and programs.
- Participates in school council meetings and/or parent advisory committees.
- Supports a parent friendly environment.
- Engages other parents around education issues.
- Voices the concerns of parents.
- Advocates for the education of all children.

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Role Modeling

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