

# The Vital Role of Parental Involvement in Student Achievement and Success

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## Perspective

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## ABOUT THE STUDY

Parental involvement is crucial in shaping a child's academic success. Several studies have shown that students whose parents are actively involved in their education tend to have better academic performance, fewer behavioural problems, and higher rates of graduation. In this article, we will explore the ways in which parental involvement impacts students' academic success, and the various strategies that parents can use to support their child's learning.

### The impact of parental involvement on academic performance

Studies have shown that parents' involvement in their child's education is positively associated with academic achievement. Parents who are actively involved in their child's learning can help improve their child's motivation, engagement, and study habits. They can also provide academic support, such as helping with homework and studying for exams, which can lead to improved test scores and grades. Additionally, parental involvement can help improve communication between parents, teachers, and students, leading to a more supportive learning environment.

### Strategies for parental involvement

There are several strategies that parents can use to become more involved in their child's education. These include:

**Attending parent-teacher conferences:** This is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher, discuss their child's progress, and learn about ways to support their child's learning.

**Volunteering at school:** Parents can help out in the classroom, library, or other school events, which can help improve their relationship with teachers and provide a positive role model for their child.

**Encouraging reading at home:** Parents can provide their child with books and encourage reading, which can help improve their child's literacy skills and overall academic performance.

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**Monitoring homework and assignments:** Parents can check their child's homework and assignments, ensure they are completed on time, and provide support when needed.

### **Barriers to parental involvement**

Despite the benefits of parental involvement, many parents face barriers that prevent them from being actively involved in their child's education. These barriers can include:

**Lack of time:** Many parents have busy work schedules or other commitments that make it difficult for them to be involved in their child's education.

**Language barriers:** Parents who do not speak the same language as their child's teacher may find it difficult to communicate effectively.

**Cultural differences:** Some parents may not feel comfortable approaching teachers or may not understand the importance of parental involvement in their child's education.

**Lack of knowledge:** Some parents may not know how to support their child's learning or may feel intimidated by the educational system.

Parental involvement is a key factor in student achievement and success. By becoming more involved in their child's education, parents can help improve their child's academic performance, motivation, and overall well-being. To overcome barriers to parental involvement, it is important for schools to provide resources and support for parents, such as translated materials and workshops on how to support their child's learning. By working together, parents, teachers, and schools can create a supportive learning environment that helps all students succeed. It indicated that students with highly involved parents had better academic performance and higher test scores in all the subjects compared to students whose parents were not involved in their education.