

Sarah Clark

Final Assignment

EDU 413

Mrs. Marman

4/29/16

The Importance of Involvement

Within the educational setting the support that parents give to their children about their academic education have an important impact on how successful that student will be in the education affairs. For this reason, it is important at educators do all that they can to help build a positive relationship with the student's parent, with concerns to education. John Santrock states in his book, *Educational Psychology*, "Parents especially play an important role in support and stimulating children's academic achievement. The value parents place in education can mean the difference in whether children do well in school" (Santrock 80). This being stated, in order to help students, do the best they can faculty and staff in the educational environment need to see the importance of a positive view about education that parents need to give to their students.

There are a variety of different types of parent involvement, all of which are important for the success of the students. This being said, with the different types of involvement there are different strategies that should be used to help these parent to interact with their children and be supportive of their education.

The first type of parent involvement is the action of parenting itself. This is the ability to understand children and their development. Along with developing a home setting that is supportive for the child as they develop and for their education. With each type of involvement there are different strategies that can be used to help get parent to participate. To help with parenting there can be different workshops provided by the school to help inform parents about important information of education and the development of a child (Okeke, C. I.). This will be offered in benefit for the parents, however, it will have a positive effect on the children and the teachers. Giving the parents materials and opportunities to better understand their children will help to get supports and provide more strategies, both at school and at home, for those individuals.

The next form of involvement is communication. This pertains to communication between the school, teacher, parents, and students. Keep all involved informed on different programs that the school offers and the progress of the student. To help with communication a teacher can send out a new letter that outlines what the students will be learning that week and different activities that

their children will be participating in. This will mainly be for the parents to help them to remember different things that are going on during the week and different things that they need to complete. Along with keeping them informed about what is going on in their student's classroom.

Following that, is volunteering, this will help to build the relationships between the teachers, students, and parents. Following that, teachers have to get parents involved in the educational setting. This can be done to help set up opportunities that can be done with in their child's classroom or at home for the classroom. An example of this would be to wash the dramatic play cloths or to clean toys. Having parents volunteer show students that their parents support them and their classroom. It will also help the teacher to focus more on the education of the students.

Next, it is important for students to learn at home. Education of a child is a team effort, therefore it takes both teachers and parents to reinforce their learning experience. Next to support learning at home, a teacher can provide different take home activates. For example, to have a take home reading back that is given to a different student each day. This will help parents to read with their children when they come home from school.

Following this is decision making, allowing parent to have a say in what their child's education looks like. Next, getting parents to have a say in what is going on in the educational setting will help them to be more passionate with their students about education. Setting up different committees that are in charge of bettering a specific area in the educational setting. This will be more for the parents and the school system. Though it will help all those who are involved in the school setting to have a more easily flowing system.

Lastly, there should be collaboration with the community, therefore all people are involved and large participants in the education of all students. Lastly, a way that a school can build the relationship between the school, family, and community is that they can ask different business owners to donate and volunteer in different educational programs (Parent Engagement). This will help to get more funding for education and the school. Therefore, helping the students and teachers. While it will build the community and be beneficial for advisements for the company.

Involvement in the school setting comes in many different forms. There are a variety of ways that the community can grow through the participation of others. For this reason, it is important that parents know of the different things that are available for the to go to, whether they be learning, helping, or organizing. It

shows their students that they are supportive of education and this will have a positive effect on the system as a whole.

Works Cited

Santrock, John. "*Educational Psychology*" New York, NY: McGraw-Hill, 2011. Print

Okeke, C. I. (2014). *Effective home-school partnership: Some strategies to help strengthen parental involvement*. South African Journal of Education, 34(3), 1-9.



2/15/2017

LEARN ABOUT DEVELOPMENT

The More You Know

In order to help your child be a successful student one must understand what they need. Knowing how a child development and what is appropriate for them is both beneficial for you and your young learner.

replace with
LOGO

Be Informed

**Lear about your
young learner**

**Need a
babysitter? No
worries**

**The school will
provide game and
activities in the
gym that night!**

**YOUNG LEARNERS
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

123 School Street

www.welovetolearn.com

