

Parent Involvement: Keys to Success

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Parent Involvement: Information and Strategies for Educators

Listener's Guide

Key idea: Administrators set the tone and assist staff in creating a school environment conducive to strong school-parent partnerships.

Strategies	Notes
<p>Role of administrators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide information to stakeholders about district and school parent involvement goals.• Include parent involvement information in school communications.• Communicate with local businesses and agencies about parent involvement efforts.• Provide resources to support parent involvement efforts.	
<p>Instruments for teachers to collect information about families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome questionnaire• Homework survey• Needs assessment• Survey of child's interests and talents	
<p>Strategies for SEAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide professional development on skills to address specific communities.• Provide sample questionnaires and surveys.• Provide resources and research to administrators to assist them in creating an environment conducive to strong school-parent partnerships.	

Resources

Christianson, S., & Sheridan, S. (2001). *School and families: Creating essential connections for learning*. New York: Guilford Press.

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