

## THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND SCHOOLS

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### Abstract:

Cooperation between parents and schools is widely acknowledged as a fundamental factor in improving students' academic achievement, social behavior, and emotional development. Numerous studies in the field of education demonstrate that students achieve better learning outcomes when parents are actively involved in school activities and maintain regular communication with teachers. This article examines the importance of parent-school cooperation, analyzes its impact on students' academic and social success, and discusses effective strategies for strengthening family-school partnerships. The analysis shows that consistent collaboration creates a supportive learning environment and contributes to long-term educational success.

### Keywords:

Parent-school cooperation, parental involvement, student achievement, family-school partnership, education

### Introduction

Education is a shared responsibility that involves not only schools but also families. While schools provide formal instruction, structured curricula, and professional guidance, parents play a crucial role in supporting learning at home and shaping students' attitudes toward education. In modern educational systems, cooperation between parents and schools is considered essential for achieving high-quality education.

Research consistently shows that students perform better academically when parents are engaged in their education. Parental involvement includes activities such as monitoring homework, communicating with teachers, attending school meetings, and encouraging positive learning habits. When parents and schools work together toward common educational goals, students receive consistent support, which enhances both academic achievement and personal development. Therefore, strengthening parent-school cooperation has become a priority in many education systems worldwide.

### Discussion

One of the most significant benefits of cooperation between parents and schools is its positive effect on students' academic achievement. Epstein (2018) explains that students whose parents actively participate in school-related activities tend to achieve higher grades, demonstrate better attendance, and show stronger motivation to learn. When parents understand school expectations and reinforce them at home, students experience continuity in their learning process. This consistency helps students develop effective study habits and a positive attitude toward education.

In addition to academic improvement, parent-school cooperation plays an important role in students' social and emotional development. Hill and Tyson (2009) found that students with strong family-school relationships display better classroom behavior, higher self-discipline, and improved social skills. When parents and teachers communicate regularly, they can address behavioral or emotional challenges early, preventing them from negatively affecting

academic performance. As a result, students feel more secure and supported, which increases their confidence and engagement in learning.

Effective communication is a key component of successful cooperation. Regular parent-teacher meetings, written progress reports, and digital communication tools allow parents to stay informed about their children's academic progress and behavior. Jeynes (2012) emphasizes that consistent communication strengthens parental involvement and improves students' academic outcomes. When schools provide clear information and encourage open dialogue, parents are more likely to participate actively in their children's education.

Moreover, cooperation between parents and schools contributes to creating a positive school climate. Schools that welcome parental involvement foster trust, mutual respect, and shared responsibility. This collaborative environment benefits not only students but also teachers, as it reduces misunderstandings and strengthens support for educational goals.

Teachers who work closely with parents gain better insight into students' backgrounds, learning styles, and individual needs, which helps them provide more effective instruction.

Another important aspect of parent-school cooperation is its role in promoting students' long-term success. Parental involvement has been linked to higher graduation rates and increased chances of pursuing higher education. According to Jeynes (2012), students whose parents are actively engaged in their education are more likely to develop strong motivation and persistence, which are essential for lifelong learning. Thus, cooperation between parents and schools extends beyond short-term academic outcomes and influences students' future opportunities.

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, cooperation between parents and schools is a vital factor in students' academic success, social development, and emotional well-being. Strong family-school partnerships improve academic achievement, promote positive behavior, and create a supportive learning environment. Schools should actively encourage parental involvement through effective communication and inclusive practices, while parents should take responsibility for supporting learning at home. Through shared effort and collaboration, parent-school cooperation can significantly enhance the quality of education and contribute to students' long-term success.

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