

Make sure you don't have a parent involvement disconnect.

In several Parent Institute surveys we have asked both school leaders and parents the same question: **What do you feel are the most important things parents can do at home to help their children do better in school?**

Try this survey at your school:

Parent Involvement Survey: What can parents do at home?

Which of the following do you feel are the most important things parents can do at home to help their children do better in school?

Please circle your rating of EACH of the following options. A rating of "1" is very important; "5" is not important.

Very Important					Not Important				
1	2	3	4	5	Provide daily routines and a loving, stable home life for your child.				
1	2	3	4	5	Set a good example by being honest, respectful and tolerant of others.				
1	2	3	4	5	Give your child practice exercising responsibility.				
1	2	3	4	5	Remember that you are the adult and YOU are in charge.				
1	2	3	4	5	Provide alternative activities to computer games and TV.				
1	2	3	4	5	Talk to your child and pay attention to what your child says to you.				
1	2	3	4	5	Read to your child every day and have your child read to you.				
1	2	3	4	5	Tell and show your child that you love him, every day.				
1	2	3	4	5	Make sure that your child gets enough sleep each night.				
1	2	3	4	5	Employ firm, fair and consistent discipline at home.				
1	2	3	4	5	Teach your child a new word every day.				
1	2	3	4	5	Remember that you are your child's first and most influential teacher.				
1	2	3	4	5	Spend time paying attention to your child.				
1	2	3	4	5	Show your child respect and expect her to respect others.				
1	2	3	4	5	Try to eat at least one meal a day with the entire family.				
1	2	3	4	5	Provide a quiet place for your child to do homework.				
1	2	3	4	5	Don't overload your child with activities.				
1	2	3	4	5	Make sure your child knows that you expect him to do his best.				
1	2	3	4	5	Make sure your child is required to live with the consequences of his actions.				
1	2	3	4	5	Talk with your child about his homework.				
1	2	3	4	5	Talk about school every day and make sure your child knows you think school is important.				
1	2	3	4	5	Help your child develop homework routines.				
1	2	3	4	5	Give your child lots of stimulating experiences, show her things and explain them to her.				
1	2	3	4	5	Teach your child to listen and follow directions.				
1	2	3	4	5	Manage your child's TV time.				
1	2	3	4	5	Other: (Please specify.)				