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A great idea for helping students with their academic performance is getting parents involved in their child's education. When moms and dads get engaged with their child's academics, the student's motivation, achievement and self-worth increase.

Family engagement means an ongoing collaborative interaction between parents and the school system with the main goal of helping the student be a success!

This can be done in many ways and we are here to show you how.



## PARENT INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- 1. Need parents to remember something: Create a refrigerator magnet.
- 2. Hold your first parent meeting at a fast-food restaurant. Everyone loves to eat!
- 3. Parents need easy. Help them by designing a card with the school name, address, phone number, name of principal, school secretary, school nurse, school counselor, etc.
- 4. Send home recorded messages in parents' own language.
- 5. Create a Parent "Hall of Fame" and honor parents who contribute to the school.
- 6. Know a great book parents might enjoy. Do a group book read and discuss parenting solutions.
- 7. Establish "Manage Mondays" where you give great ideas to help organize parents and thier student.
- 8. Host a dessert night at the school for parents and have children share stories they have written.
- 9. Create a survey to see exactly what parents are needing at your school.
- 10. Share stories about your own children during parent interactions.
- 11. Create a Parent Involvement Calendar of things to do. A great reminder for everyone!
- 12. Schedule a reading night with parents bringing books to read with their child.
- 13. Calling all volunteers: Parents love to volunteer when they can share a skill they love to do. Think landscaping or teaching students how to do a fun project like woodworking.
- 14. Use videos to demonstrate how even the busiest parents create great family moments.
- 15. Find fun ways to let parents know how well their doing with thier kids.
- 16. During the holiday, have a special meal as a dinner theater and have the students be the waiters. Students can also make table decorations during art time and give out theater tickets to their parents to attend.
- 17. Schedule a game/art night at your school and provide game/art centers for parents and children to rotate through during the night. Make sure to have snacks and drinks.
- 18. Design parent-friendly signs for your school directing them to the front office.
- 19. Greet visiting parents as quickly as possible maybe use volunteers.
- 20. Honor the Dads too. Let them lead a class on building/painting something, male speakers and general dad activities.
- 21. Whether you are in an elementary, middle or high school, have student's work on display all over the school every child's work!
- 22. Make "Happy Calls" to reach out when you see that parents need some positve reinforment.
- 23. Train all educational staff in the importance of parent involvement.
- 24. Hold informal "drop in" coffee times and encourage parents to come.
- 25. Have some place in the building that parents can call their own.
- 26. Create an end of the year parent involvement video of everything accomplished. **www.well-beingsafetyassessments.com**



### HOW TO MAKE A FRIDGE MAGNET

Parents need easy! They are busy people and typically have many responsibilities. If you are going to get them involved in their child's education you will need to remind them or make it easier for them to remember important dates of participation! Try making a fridge magnet to include special event dates and times like a parent game night, parent-teacher conference and parent engagement meetings.





**Printable Magnetic Sheets** 

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