

Parent Engagement

Improving School Climate Thru Coordinated School Health



Purpose: Achieve successful partnerships with parents to maximize students' overall well-being and academic success.



Unique contribution: An opportunity to create an inclusive environment where through knowing and understanding the family, the schools serve the holistic needs of students.

Components of the Practice:

The NEED/S that is addresses thru this intervention is/are:

Student academic success
Student well-being (physical, emotional, social)

Some indicators of this NEED are:

Low participation in parent teacher conferences and school events.
Parents apathetic and often non responsive.
Disconnected from the educational experience.

The CRITICAL COMPONENTS of this intervention are:

- Commitment to full partnerships with parents/caregivers
- Transparent Relationship – Be willing and able to speak and hear the truth
- Share responsibility for student success – Operate without blame or criticism
- Embrace individuality – An absence of focusing on fixing or changing
- Genuine and demonstrable appreciation.

Vision of this in Action: Happy and successful students. Parents as engaged participants in policy and decision making. Two way communication between home and school. Attendance at parent teacher conferences and other school events. Working through conflict constructively. Increased volunteerism. Respect shown to students, teachers, parents and other staff. Quote from S3 parents *What I love about this school is how diverse it is*. When asked who is responsible for your child's learning, the parent responded, *Everyone of us are teachers*. When asked about a partnership with school a parent responded, *[Teachers] spend more time with kids and are a partner with a thankless job*.