

Additional Resources for Parents

Elementary School (and Earlier)

Understanding your Young Child's Stages of Development
Information on child development for parents of one to five year olds.

<http://www.cwla.org/>

Story Blocks – Literacy Development

Collection of 30-60 second videos for parents, caregivers, and library staff designed to model songs, rhymes, and finger-plays appropriate for early childhood. Each video clip includes tips to increase caregivers' understanding of child development and pre-literacy needs.

<http://www.storyblocks.org/>

Reading Tip Sheets

Reading tip sheets, available in multiple languages, for parents of babies, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarteners, first graders, second graders, and third graders.

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/guides/readingtips/>

Reading Rockets

Teaching kids to read and helping those who struggle.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents/>

Middle School

The Parent's Guide to Middle School

Information on topics relevant to parents of middle schoolers, including adolescent brain development, online safety, encouraging positive body image, bullying and more.

<http://www.education.com/grade/middle-school/>

10 Tips for Middle School Parents

Tips on how to stay involved in your middle school child's education.

<http://www.schoolfamily.com/school-family-articles/article/801-10-tips-for-middle-school-parents>

Scholastic Parent Guide: Starting Middle School

Articles for parents about the transition to middle school.

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=84>

PBS Parents - Middle School Resources

Links to resources about middle school, including online articles, websites, and books.

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/itsmylife/resources/middleschool.html>

A Middle School Parent's College Prep Guide

Information about planning for college in middle school.

<http://www.greatschools.org/college-prep/planning/594-middle-school-parents-college-prep-guide.gs>

Helpful Websites for Parents of Middle School Students

Links to websites for parents of middle schoolers, about topics including literacy and general education.

<http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Middle/Resources/default.htm>

Tip Sheet for Middle School Parents

Brief outline with information about middle school students and tips on how to support their academic development at home.

http://www.ed-alliance.org/document/document_164.pdf

High School

The Parent's Guide to High School

Information on topics relevant to parents of high schoolers, including college, dating, and what to expect in high school.

<http://www.education.com/grade/high-school/>

Parent's Guide to the Michigan Merit Curriculum

Short guide to the Michigan Merit Curriculum that highlights key points parents may be interested in.

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Parent_12.20.06_181524_7.pdf

Resources for Parents: The High School Years

A variety of books intended to help parents successfully guide their children through high school.

<http://school.familyeducation.com/high-school/parenting/37642.html>

PBS Parents – High School Resources

Links to resources about high school, including online articles and books.

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/itsmylife/resources/highschool.html>

Great Books about High School

Fiction and non-fiction books about high school intended to address middle school students concerns and fears about the transition.

http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/school/highschool/print_books.html

Communicating with your Teenager

Short tip sheet with information about respectfully communicating with teenagers.

<http://www.cwla.org/>

A Guide for African American Parents: How to Help your Child Prepare for College and Career

Information about the college planning, application, and financial aid process, specifically for African American students and parents.

<http://edtrust.org/resource/a-guide-for-african-american-parents-how-to-help-your-child-prepare-for-college-and-career/>

A Guide for Hispanic Parents: How to Help your Child Prepare for College and Career

Information about the college planning, application, and financial aid process, specifically for Hispanic students and parents.

[http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/Hispanic%20Parent%20Guide\(web\).pdf](http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/Hispanic%20Parent%20Guide(web).pdf)

Hacia Adelante: Pathways to College. A Guide for Families in Texas

Comprehensive guide for parents, including basic information on college and a planning for college workbook.

http://www.idra.org/images/stories/eng_pub.pdf

Also available in Spanish: http://www.idra.org/images/stories/spa_pub.pdf

Parent Involvement = Student Achievement

<http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-5233-23090--,00.html>

Family and Community Involvement

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-28753_38684_29823-101854--,00.html

Parent Involvement Research

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Final_Parent_Involvement_Fact_Sheet_14732_7.pdf

Family FUNdamentals Pre K – 3 Learning Activities

<http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140--69358--,00.html>

College Applications and Financial Aid

The Michigan College Access Portal (MichiganCAP): <https://www.michigancap.org/College.gov>, developed by the U.S. Department of Education, is intended to be a resource for students, parents, and educators about planning, preparing and paying for postsecondary education. <https://studentaid.ed.gov/redirects/college-gov>

In Spanish:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/redirects/college-gov>

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to determine the amount of money a family is expected to contribute to their child's postsecondary education. To complete the FAFSA, visit: www.fafsa.gov

The U.S. Department of Education's publishes an annual report regarding federal student aid and provides information on how to apply for grants, loans, and work study programs.

Funding Education Beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid:

http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html

The U.S. Department of Education has compiled this list of Spanish resources about college and financial aid.

College Resources in Spanish:

<http://www2.ed.gov/espanol/bienvenidos/es/college.html> Mid-Continent

Comprehensive Center

<http://www.mc3edsupport.org/community/knowledgebases/Project-1.html>

Massachusetts Parent Information & Resource Center (PIRC): Parents' Place Pointers

<http://pplace.org/publications/pointers/English/pppell.pdf>

Declaration of rights for parents of English Language Learners under no child left behind

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/decoparentrights.doc>

<http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=194>

Spanish Resources

Glossary of Education Terms

Produced by the California Department of Education. Some terms may be specific to California, but this glossary could help you navigate and understand the education system.

English to Spanish <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/cm/documents/English-Spanishglossary.doc>

Spanish to English <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Que Ningún Niño Se Quede Atrás: Una guía para los padres

No Child Left Behind Parent Guide in Spanish – U.S. Department of Education
Information about ESEA/NCLB for parents, regarding students' and parents' rights, specific federal programs and other resources.

<http://www2.ed.gov/espanol/parents/academic/involve/nclbguide/index.html>

Guía para Tareas Para Padres que Quieren Ayudar a que sus Hijos Tengan Éxito

A Guide to Homework for Parents Who Want to Help their Children Succeed
Printable brochure with information about state academic standards and homework, and provides tips for parents to help their child succeed in school.

http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/HW%20Brochure%20sp_0.pdf

Como Mejorar la Educación de sus Hijos – Guía Para Padres Latinos

How to Improve Your Child's Education – Guide for Latino Parents
Article about the benefits of education with advice for parents on how to help their child succeed academically.

http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/imprvgeduLatino_Espanol.pdf

Mejorando su escuela: una guía para padres y comunidades sobre la ley "Que ningún niño se quede atrás"

Improving your School: A Guide for Parents and Communities about ESEA/NCLB *Brief explanation and summary of ESEA/NCLB. Includes information on why it's important and how the law is applied.*

<http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/publications/files/UserguideSpanish.pdf>

Tip Sheet for Middle School Parents

Outlines ways parents of middle school students can support their children.

http://www.ed-alliance.org/document/document_165.pdf

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<http://www.colorincolorado.org/guides/readingtips/>

Preguntas que hacen los padres sobre las escuelas

Spanish version of research-based tips for parents that provide both practical guidance and valuable information about a range of topics, including: preparing your child for school; knowing what to expect from your child's kindergarten teacher; monitoring school work; working with schools and teachers effectively; helping your child with reading and homework; and ensuring that your child's school is safe and drug-free.

<http://www2.ed.gov/espanol/parents/academic/help/preguntas/index.html>

La Selección de una Escuela para Su Hijo

Information on how to choose a school for your child. Includes parent tips and guidelines for selecting a school that is right for your child.

<http://www2.ed.gov/espanol/parents/schools/choose/index.html>

Cómo ayudar a su hijo a tener éxito en la escuela

Resources to help your child succeed in school. Includes home activities, guidelines for working with teachers and schools, and tips for helping your child with test-taking.

<http://www2.ed.gov/espanol/parents/academic/escuela/index.html>

Individualized Education Program (IEP) Development Process *Downloadable IEP Forms, available in Spanish.* http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_6598_36168-236252--,00.html

Parents Academic Help Partnership

Provides access to many U.S. Department of Education resources and information available to assist parents. Links to information in English and Spanish.

www.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/partnership.html

Información para familias y miembros de la comunidad

Simple steps to increase family and community engagement and promote student achievement.

www2.ed.gov

Hacia Adelante: Pathways to College. Una Guía para Familias Latinas

Comprehensive guide for parents, including basic information on college and a planning for college workbook.

http://www.idra.org/images/stories/spa_pub.pdf

General Websites and Organizations

Colorín Colorado

Un sitio bilingüe para familias y maestros para ayudar a los niños a leer.

A bilingual site for families and educators of English language learners.

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/?langswitch=es>

PBS Padres

Online resource about child development from birth through early education.

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/about/spanish/>

Recursos en español del Departamento de Educación de los EE.UU.

Links to Spanish language resources from the U.S. Department of Education about a variety of topics, including Special Education/IDEA, Adult Education, University Education, and ESEA/NCLB.

<http://www2.ed.gov/espanol/bienvenidos/es/index.html>

Community Organizations

Latin Americans United for Progress – Holland, MI

Goal: empower Latinos to be full participants in the life of the larger community.

Offers Adult Education and Youth Development programs and other supportive services.

<http://laup.org/>

Hispanic Agencies & Organizations – Michigan Department of Civil Rights

Information on several Hispanic agencies in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Flint, and Saginaw.

http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr/0,1607,7-138-58275_3064-135591--,00.html

National Organizations

PTA Nacional

Mission: "To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children."

<http://www.pta.org/about/content.cfm?ItemNumber=944&navItemNumber=552>

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund

MALDEF is the nation's leading Latino legal civil rights organization.

<http://www.maldef.org>

Arabic Resources

Quick Tips – *From the National Literacy Trust, a UK based organization, that promotes literacy development.*

Sharing Songs and Rhymes

(<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/english-and-arabic-bilingual-quick-tips/>)

Say hello to your new baby

(<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/0321/helloarabic.pdf>)

Making the most of television

(<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/0378/televisionarabic.pdf>)

Talking with your baby

(<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/0364/talkingarabic.pdf>)

Sharing books with your baby

(<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/0291/booksarabic.pdf>)

Talk to your baby in your own language

(<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/0277/bilingualarabic.pdf>)

Playing with your baby

(<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/0335/playarabic.pdf>)

Resources from New York City Schools

Questions to ask at parent-teacher conferences

(<http://schools.nyc.gov/ParentsFamilies/PTC/default.htm>)

The Benefits of Literacy

(<http://schools.nyc.gov/default.htm>)

Tips for Reading with Children – *From the Minnesota Humanities Center*

(https://www.bpl.bc.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/kids/Arabic_0.pdf)

Summer Learning Tips – *From the California Department of Education*

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/>

Internet Safety for Kids – *From the British Columbia Ministry of Education*

<http://www.bpl.bc.ca/>

A Guide to Your Children’s Schools – *From the Illinois State Board of Education*

<http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/parents/pdfs/PGuide-arabic.pdf>

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Community Organizations

The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS)

A Dearborn, MI based, non-profit agency that provides health and human services, employment services, youth programs, educational and cultural programs and civic engagement, and social entrepreneurship services to empower individuals families and communities. <http://www.accesscommunity.org>

Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)

Non-profit organization serving Middle Eastern and mainstream communities in Southeast Michigan. <http://www.myacc.org/>