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.*


**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.*


**Reading Tip Sheets**

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


**Reading Rockets**

*Teaching kids to read and helping those who struggle.*


**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/](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.*


**Scholastic Parent Guide: Starting Middle School**

*Articles for parents about the transition to middle school.*


**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](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.*

Helpful Websites for Parents of Middle School Students
*Links to websites for parents of middle schoolers, about topics including literacy and general education.*

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.doe.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/ndedoen.gov/content/Family_Engagement/Parent_Resources/Tips-Middle-School-English.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.*
https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_30334_49879---,00.html

Resources for Parents: The High School Years
*A variety of books intended to help parents successfully guide their children through high school.*
https://www.familyeducation.com/school/parenting-books/resources-parents-high-school-years

PBS Parents – High School Resources
*Links to resources about high school, including online articles and books.*
http://www.pbs.org/parents/itsmyleife/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/itsmyleife/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.*

https://edtrust.org/resource/a-guide-for-hispanic-parents-how-to-help-your-child-prepare-for-college-and-career/


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

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

https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-74638-101854--,00.html

Parent Involvement Research

https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5233-23090--,00.html

**College Applications and Financial Aid**

The Michigan College Access Portal (MichiganCAP):

http://www.micollegeaccess.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.

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

**College Resources in Spanish:**


- [Central Comprehensive Center](https://west.edtrust.org/resource/a-guide-for-hispanic-parents-how-to-help-your-child-prepare-for-college-and-career/)

- Declaration of rights for parents of English Language Learners under no child left behind
  - [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/decofparentrights.doc](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/decofparentrights.doc)
  - [http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=194](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 be help you navigate and understand the education system.*

- **English to Spanish** [https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ai/assessmentglossary.asp](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ai/assessmentglossary.asp)
- **Spanish to English** [http://www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov)

- Que Ningún Niño Se Quede Atrás: Una guía para los padres
  - [No Child Left Behind Parent Guide in Spanish](http://www2.ed.gov/espanol/pa rents/academic/involve/nclbguide/index.html)
  - [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)

- Guia 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](https://edtrust.org/our-resources/publications/)
  - [Printable brochure with information about state academic standards and homework, and provides tips for parents to help their child succeed in school.](https://edtrust.org/our-resources/publications/)

- Como Mejorar la Educación de sus Hijos – Guía Para Padres Latinos
  - [How to Improve Your Child's Education – Guide for Latino Parents](http://www.edtrust.org)
  - [Article about the benefits of education with advice for parents on how to help their child succeed academically.](http://www.edtrust.org)
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.


Tip Sheet for Middle School Parents

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

http://www.ed-alliance.org/

Reading Tip Sheets

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

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. https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6598_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](http://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.*


**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.*


**PBS Padres**

*Online resource about child development from birth through early education.*

[http://www.pbs.org/parents/about/spanish/](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.*


**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.*


**Hispanic Agencies & Organizations – Michigan Department of Civil Rights**

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

[https://www.michigan.gov//mdcr](https://www.michigan.gov//mdcr)
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
(2017_07_05_free_ELY_resource_-_songsarabic.pdf)

Say hello to your new baby
(2017_07_05_free_ELY_resource_-_helloarabic.pdf)

Making the most of television
(2017_07_05_free_ELY_resource_-_tvarabic.pdf)

Talking with your baby in your own language
(http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/baby)

Sharing books with your baby
(2017_07_05_free_ELY_resource_-_booksarabic.pdf)

Talk to your baby in your own language
(2017_07_05_free_ELY_resource_-_talkinghomelangarabic.pdf)

Playing with your baby
(2017_07_05_free_ELY_resource_-_playarabic.pdf)

Resources from New York City Schools
Questions to ask at parent-teacher conferences

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*
https://www.isbe.net/Documents/PGuide-english.pdf#search=Guide%20to%20Your%20Children%E2%80%99s%20Schools

Individualized Education Program (IEP) Development Process
https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6598_36168-236252--,00.html

**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)