



# FAMILY & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



An integrated school, parent, and community approach for enhancing the health and well-being of students. Schools actively solicit parent involvement and engage community resources and services to respond more effectively to the health-related needs of students. Partnerships among schools, families, community groups and individuals are designed to maximize resources and expertise in addressing the healthy development of children, youth and their families. <sup>1</sup>

## **Family and Community Involvement has a positive impact on student achievement by:**

- Improving academic achievement
- Increasing achievement gains in reading and math
- Improving attendance
- Improving consistently completed homework
- Reducing school suspensions
- Improving school-related behavior

## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IMPROVES MATHEMATICS AND READING SCORES** <sup>2</sup>

Students in grades 2-8 who received Title I reading services and mathematics programming were studied to determine the effects parental involvement might have on student achievement. Reading, reading comprehension, total mathematics, and mathematics application scores were higher among the students whose parents were involved in their academics regardless of their socioeconomic status.

## **VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROMOTES BETTER GRADES AND BEHAVIOR** <sup>3</sup>

An evaluation of the national volunteer service program, Teen Outreach, showed significant reductions in course failure, school suspension and teenage pregnancy. By combining volunteer community service opportunities with classroom discussions, students adopted social norms that discouraged adolescent problem behaviors. Students developed independence and competence in decision making, interacting with peers and adults, and recognizing and handling their emotions.

## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IMPROVES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT** <sup>4</sup>

When schools engage in techniques to involve parents such as 1) improving the parent-child relationship in the context of the family, 2) integrating parents into school programs, and 3) attempting to build a strong relationship between school, family and the larger community, students experience higher grades and test scores, long-term academic achievement, and positive attitudes and behaviors.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROMOTES STUDENT SUCCESS** <sup>5</sup>

Several interventions that were implemented with significant input from community entities were reviewed to determine what impact community involvement had on students' academic achievement. The results of the review found that when the community is involved with disadvantaged youth, school-related behavior and achievement, as well as attitudes and risk-taking behavior, are improved.

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