

Easy ways to be involved in your child's education

Parents want what is best for their children. They envision their kids having a life of wellness and success. Part of achieving this, is for them to receive a solid education. In order for your child to get that good education, parents, grandparents, guardians, and the community must be involved! Here are a few simple strategies you can as a parent be involved and be empowered!

- ✓ Find out the name of your child's teacher and communicate with them frequently. Many teachers prefer to be contacted via email because of instruction/prep time, but feel free to call to the school to leave a message with them.
- ✓ Register for the Parent Portal using the MPS website, found under tab entitled "Parents."
- ✓ Attend family nights or school events a few times throughout the school year, students love to show their families the work that they have done in school!
- ✓ Find out more information and register for a Connecting Parent to Educational Opportunities (CPEO) session with the Indian Education Department's Family Engagement Coordinator at 612-668-0612
- ✓ Ask the school if there is a Parent Council or Parent Leader Organization at your child's school. If you are unable to fully commit to the council, develop a relationship to the parent leaders who coordinate the group to stay on top of information at school and at the district level.
- ✓ Ask your kids how their day was at school every day. Also ask them about their homework. If you are having trouble helping your child with their homework, connect to their teacher or explore community resources for possible tutors or programming.
- ✓ Work with your child to identify what talents or gifts your child has and find ways to support that!
- ✓ Have a quiet and well lit space for your child to do homework at home that is stocked with school supplies.
- ✓ Volunteer at your child's school. Visit <http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/applicationform.html> to submit an application to volunteer in MPS schools.