



# TRANSFORMING OUR ROLES AS CO-EDUCATORS

A parents guide to meaningful engagement  
Workshop One

# Introduction

- Learning objectives
  - ▣ Understand the importance of engagement.
  - ▣ Understand the role parents can play in their child's education.
  - ▣ Learn about school-based engagement strategies and activities.
  - ▣ Learn about home-based engagement strategies and activities.
  - ▣ Know how to use interactive workbook to guide engagement efforts throughout the academic year.
- Introductions-
  - ▣ What is your name?
  - ▣ What are the ages of your children?
  - ▣ What do you hope to learn from this workshop?
- Pre-Test Surveys



# Research

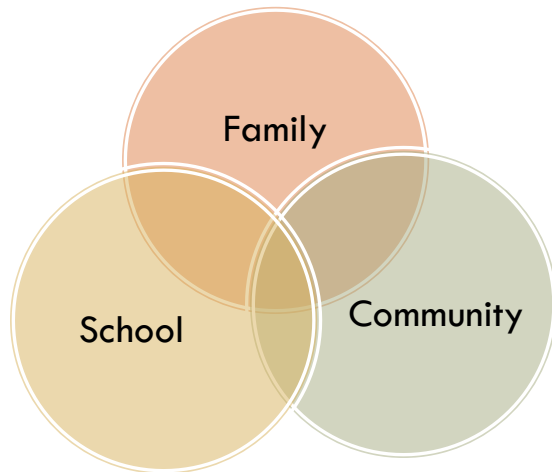
- When schools and families support each other, students of all backgrounds and various abilities achieve at higher levels.
- Levels of parental engagement tend to decline as children progress through the educational system.
- Parents need to be engaged in both home-based and school-based activities.



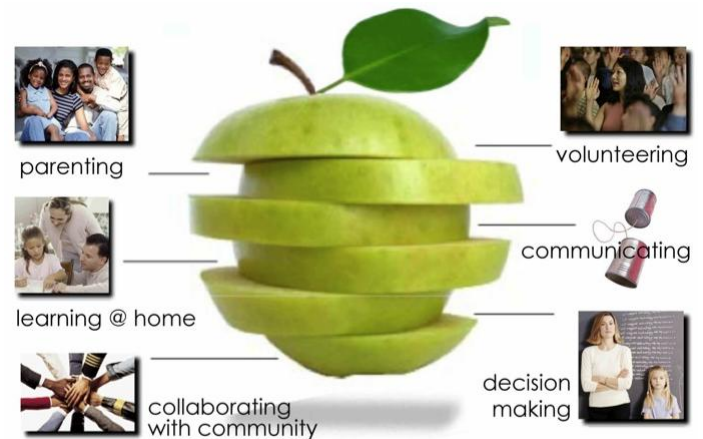
# Guiding Theories

- The following theories guide this program:

- Systems Theory



- Epstein's Six Typologies of Parental




# Systems Perspective

- A systems perspective connections parents, administrators and educators together to implement expected learning goals for children, clarifies role duties, and creates consistent expectations for the child.
- Also guides parents by clarifying their role as change-agents, motivators, and advocates for their children's developmental and learning needs.
- Finally, invites parents to become actively involved in their children's pedagogy through the strengthening of communications within the school-home dyad.



Parental engagement is an ongoing process that increases active participation, communication, and collaboration with the goal of educating the whole child to ensure student achievement.



By actively participating in our children's education at home & at school, you are sending critical messages to our children. Understanding how to be active in your child's education is the first step to meaningful engagement!

*Congratulations and thank you for being here!*

# Benefits of Parental Engagement

- Research has linked meaningful family engagement to many positive results.
  - Higher academic achievement
  - Increased school attendance
  - Stronger homework skills
  - Stronger sense of the value of education
  - Increased confidence and ability to learn
  - A greater likelihood of graduating from high school and college.



# Understanding Types of Engagement



Parenting

Communicating

Volunteering

Learning at Home

Decision Making

Collaborating with the Community

# Parenting

Establish home environments that support children as students.



# Communicating

Have ongoing open communications about school programs and your children's progress.



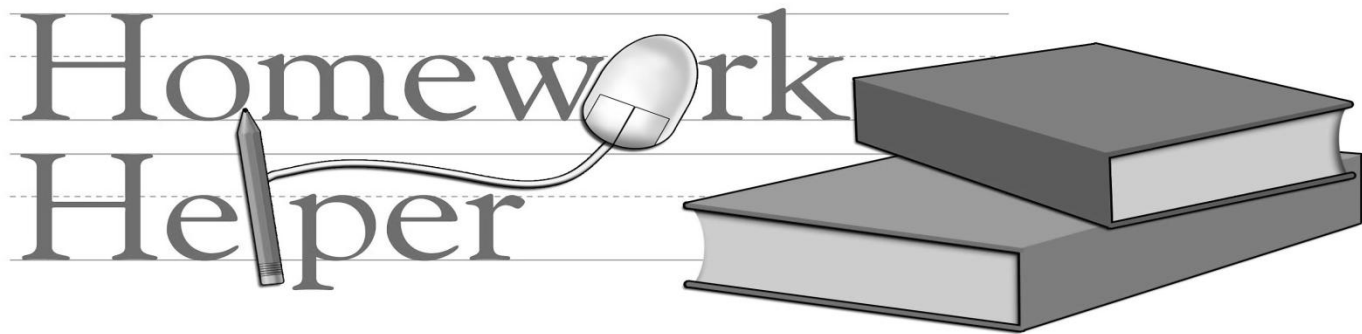
# Volunteering

Provide parent help and support within the school and community setting.



# Learning at Home

Help your child at home with homework and other curriculum-related activities, decisions, and planning.



# Decision Making

Take part in school decisions, become parent leaders and representatives.



# Collaborating with Community

Utilize community connections and resources to help foster engagement and stimulate learning.



# Transitioning to Middle School

- What makes parental involvement more difficult as children reach middle school?
  - ▣ Multiple teachers
  - ▣ More complex curriculums
  - ▣ Workforce demands
  - ▣ Past experience
  - ▣ Growing Autonomy
- This program assists parents in establishing meaningful engagement as their children transition into middle school by educating parents on both school-based and home-based strategies and activities.

# Transforming our Roles as Co-Educators:

A parent's guide to meaningful engagement

***Mission:*** Increase student achievement by educating and empowering parents to become actively engaged in their children's education across grade levels.