

Get Talking About Community



Involve parents for greater English Learner success

Research shows that nearly all K-12 teachers want parents to participate more in classroom activities. The reverse is often true, too: Many parents would like to have a more visible, active presence in the education community.

In many school communities, it takes the involvement of students, teachers, and families to ensure that everyone's voice is heard and valued—and that requires English language proficient parents.

It is often impractical for EL parents to acquire English language skills on their own. Therefore, schools turn to EdTech tools to bridge the language gap and give EL parents access to efficient language learning instruction.

A recent eBook explored how a tech-enabled English language program for EL parents empowers them, involves them in their students' schoolwork, and strengthens community ties.

Deeper involvement. Parents who speak English well can participate in their students' academic work. According to an article from the American Psychological Association, research links parent engagement and educational outcomes such as attendance, grades, and scores.

Higher graduation rates. An independent study on parental involvement found that parent participation in school functions had a positive influence on students, reflected in graduation and postsecondary enrollment rates.

Homework achievement. EL-proficient parents can reinforce school lessons, attitudes, and expectations. An EdSource and New America Media report found that better teacher-parent communication improved homework completion rates and increased classroom participation.

Finding the right tools to achieve these laudable goals is paramount. EL parents who improve their English language skills:

- ★ ★ Develop stronger bonds with teachers
- ★ ★ Support their children's academic outcomes
- ★ ★ Strengthen social and community bonds

What's next

Download your copy of the eBook, *Access to online language learning increases EL equity.*

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