



Ten ways to participate in your children's education

- 1.** Build your children's self-esteem. Listen to what they have to say and praise them for the things they do well.
- 2.** Encourage your children to talk about their feelings, accomplishments, and problems.
- 3.** Be a positive role model for your children. Teach them right from wrong at an early age.
- 4.** Tell your children it's all right to make mistakes, as long as they learn from them.
- 5.** Allow your children to see you read daily newspapers, books, etc. Read stories aloud and tell them about your culture and heritage.
- 6.** Show an interest in your children's school activities by helping them with their homework and getting to know their teachers.
- 7.** Take your children to museums, the local library, and other free educational and cultural events whenever possible.
- 8.** Ask that report cards and other school documents be made available in both English and Spanish.
- 9.** Ask the school to provide a translator for meetings and whether English as a second language (ESL) classes are available.
- 10.** Join the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or volunteer at your children's school