

What is Parental Involvement?

Parental involvement is letting your child know that you value education; the first step is to ensure your child attends school regularly. Education is a partnership between the school and parent. Find out what your child is learning at school and what you can do at home to support the learning; such as getting to know the teacher.

We know all parents want their children to be successful and grow up to be productive and caring adults.

Many parents want to be involved with the education of their children; however, sometimes don't know where to start, when to find the time, or how to go about making connections with the school.

Parents can attend and are welcome to participate in activities related to the school.

Parents are welcome to volunteer in the school for afterschool activities; or be a chaperone on school trips.



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What Are The Benefits of Parental Involvement?

Children who have parents that are involved in the school and show an interest in their child's education have many benefits, such as:

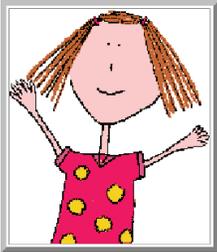
- * Child Has Better Attendance;
- * Child Enjoys Going to School
- * Child Has Better Marks
- * Child Has a Positive Attitude Towards School
- * Child Displays Good Behavior in School
- * Child is Successful in School Programs and Sports
- * Child is Likely to Graduate from High School and Go On To Post Secondary Education



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Parental Involvement—Frontier School Division Policy A.1.D.



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As their children's first teachers, parents provide a home environment that encourages and nurtures their children's

education. This home environment is enhanced when the school and parents work cooperatively in support of education. Therefore, Frontier School Division believes that parents must:

a. be informed about their children's progress and school policies and procedures,

b. ensure their children attend school regularly in accordance with legislation,

c. initiate and participate in the wide variety of activities in, or related to, the school or decision-making process, and

d. show appreciation of and support for the school's efforts.



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Further, parents provide support, guidance and direction in Frontier School Division. Their meaningful involvement creates a home-school partnership that assists the Division in providing a quality education for their children. This involvement takes many forms and must:

a. foster mutual cooperation to work towards excellence in education,

b. establish close positive partnerships between school and home based on mutual support and trust,

c. enable parents to be informed partners in the education of their children,

d. establish a collective responsibility for the education of children.



Please visit the Frontier School Division Website for more on the Parental Involvement Policy A.1.D.



*A Mother's Dream .. is to
see her children grow
up to be healthy, happy
& Successful*

Parental & Community Involvement in Stevenson Island

At Stevenson Island School the local school committee sponsors and organizes a year end barbecue held during noon hour on the last day of school in June. It brings parents and community members together.

The event has always been well attended and is seen as an important event involving the parents and community. The school staff think it is an excellent way to end the school year.

The following messages from the Chief Superintendent and Chairperson of the Board on the importance of parental involvement was reprinted from the **1987 Parental Involvement Handbook**:

"MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT, Strini Reddy—Our own experience demonstrates clearly that where children have the same positive messages from home and from school and receive support from both of these important sources, then chances of success are much greater. Trust and mutual respect between home and school can only be established through open communication and numerous opportunities for interaction as equal partners."

"MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, Ron Zong—"The Frontier School Board recognizes the crucially important role that parents have to play in the education of their children and therefore attaches very great importance to the direct involvement of parents in this process."

Parental Involvement at Julie Lindal School

**While we teach our
children about life.
Our children teach us
what life is all about!**

In Ilford at Julie Lindal School, parents are always available to assist with the cooking and preparation for all special school events, i.e. Mother's Day, Valentine's Day.

Parents call the school to volunteer as soon as plans are announced for an event.

This has been a very successful parental involvement gesture by the parents of Julie Lindal School parents.

Parental & Community Involvement in Cranberry Portage

To promote physical activity during In-Motion Week at Cranberry Portage Elementary School a Mini-Bonspiel is one of the activities organized.

Teams of three are made up to include one parent and two students. Each sheet of ice is divided in two, so there are two teams

on each ice. It is one of the fun events students, parents and the community look forward to!

The event is well attended by the community.

The Cranberry Portage School Committee donates the prizes for this event!

Your children
**NEED YOUR
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Frontier School Division

Our Children
Our Success
Our Future

Our Vision...Our Beliefs

- Students are healthy and successful.
- Parents provide support, guidance, and direction.
- Families build a strong foundation for students.
- Staff are participating members of the community.
- High standards of teaching result in academic excellence.
- Appropriate educational programming is provided for all students.
- School programs reflect the needs and aspirations of the community.
- Language and culture celebrated in the community and school builds identity.
- Schools are safe places where individuals are respected, cared for, and valued.
- Our Division is an innovative and dynamic leader in education.

Mission Statement

"Our Children, Our Success, Our Future"

We are increasingly aware of the vital importance of the interconnectedness of all levels of home, school, community, and society. Our focus on building, preserving, and maintaining relationships and partnerships are the same whether we are talking about a classroom or a boardroom, a home or a community. It is through working as partners in learning that we will share success. That is why we have chosen three simple statements to define our mission.