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ONLINE: Partnering with Parents

*“Very good content;
I really appreciated the examples given and
the extra resources that were included.”*

– Priya A.

Many parents need motivation and support to help them partner with the teacher. In our profession as teachers, we must partner with the parents of our students. The “dream parents” are cooperative, freely volunteer and carry on the learning process at home. However, many parents need motivation and support to help them partner with the teacher.

In this course, you will learn about various personalities and come away with an understanding of why parents think the way that they do. You will also discover strategies that you can use in a number of common challenging situations teachers face while working with parents. Finally, learn more about planning and organizing activities in your school.

This course will help you enhance your professional interaction and communication skills as well as help you build lasting relationships with the parents of your students.

Standards:

This course aligns to all of the INTASC Standards including Learner Development, Learning Differences, Learning Environments, Content Knowledge, Assessment, Planning for Instruction and Instructional Strategies.

The course also aligns to the McRel Teacher Evaluation Standards including Teacher Leadership, Diverse Learners, Teachers Know Content and Teachers Facilitate Learning.

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Course Outline

LESSON 1

Introduction

- Structure of teacher and parent partnerships across grade levels.
- Common obstacles to partnership.
- Dealing with some of the special challenges in the partnership process.

LESSON 2

Understanding the Parent

- Parent types, learning to recognize them and applying the strategies that are suitable for that specific parent type to create successful partnerships.
- Basic needs across parent types and how teachers may meet these needs.

LESSON 3

Partnering strategies

- Ways in which parents can partner, both in the school and from home.
- Volunteering at school and the benefits for the student, teacher and parent.
- Volunteering opportunities available for parents in the form of academic activities, creative activities, social activities, support activities and leadership positions.
- Communication methods and strategies.

LESSON 4

Building Lasting Relationships

- How the teachers' attitude and communication style can make or break the partnership relationship.
- Communication is addressed in detail especially relating to various situations such as: when there's an Issue, when parents volunteer and discussing students.
- Responding to challenging situations such as parental anger, disruptive students, cheating, stealing, violence & bullying, academic issues and lies.