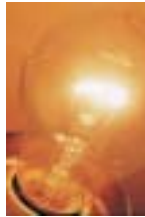


The **POWER** of parent involvement!



The evidence is clear and convincing! Parent involvement improves student achievement. Here are some of the possible benefits for your child:

- Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates
- Enrollment in more challenging academic programs
- Better school attendance
- Improved behavior at home and school (lower rates of suspension)
- Increased motivation, better self-esteem
- Greater enrollment rates in post-secondary education

(National Education Association/National PTA)

“The South Dakota Parent Resource Network – Supporting parents’ involvement in the education and development of their children.”

Here are some websites that offer ideas for you on being and staying involved in your child’s education.

Parent Teacher Association (www.ptg.org) Assists parents in developing the skills they need to become involved in the public schools.

National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education (www.ncpie.org) Promotes family-school partnerships in every school in America.

National Network of Partnership Schools (www.scov.csos.jhu.edu) Provides services to parents on a national level.

National Education Association (www.nea.org) National Association supporting educators.

Connect for Kids (www.connectforkids.org) Provides resources for families.

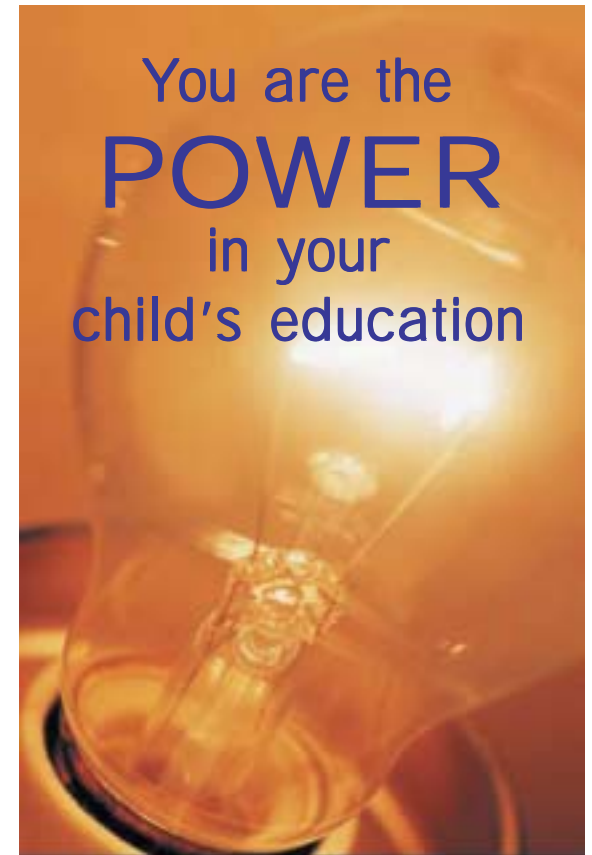
Family Education Network (www.familyeducation.org) Age-specific advice to parents.

American Academy of Pediatrics (www.apa.org) Information and child development and health issues.

National Institute for Literacy (www.nilf.org) Independent federal agency administered by the Secretaries of Labor, Education and Health and Human Services whose purpose is to move the nation towards 100% literacy.

South Dakota Department of Education (www.state.sd.us.deca) Information about education in South Dakota to move the nation toward a 100% literacy rate.

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BE THE POWER

PARENTS ARE TEACHERS – they create home environments that promote learning for their child. Parents are teachers when they. . .

- Establish a daily family routine
- Read to and listen to their child read and talk about what is read
- Teach responsibility by assigning regular household chores
- Provide a time and place for studying
- Help with homework or support homework completion
- Have reading materials (i.e., books, magazines, newspapers) in the home
- Encourage writing by leaving notes or writing lists
- Have and use reference books at home (i.e. dictionary, encyclopedias)
- Go to the library

PARENTS ARE LEADERS – they model for their children and other parents the value of learning and involvement. Parents are leaders when they. . .

- Act as a role model for learning at home and in the community
- Express the value of education and set high, but realistic expectations
- Serve on committees or advisory councils at the school or community level
- Help their school to set challenging academic standards
- Teach and support other parents to participate on committees or councils
- Vote and encourage others to vote in school board or other local elections
- Run for the school board
- Contribute time and skills

PARENTS ARE SUPPORTERS – they are involved with and for their child and their child's school. Parents are supporters when they. . .

- Stay connected and involved with their child's school
- Show support for their child and their child's school by reading the school newsletter, attending parent nights at school, etc.
- Stay in touch with their child's teacher – call, write notes, email, attend conferences
- Set limits on TV, video games, online time, and monitor after-school activities
- Speak positively about the school, the educators, and the staff
- Praise and encourage their child – participate in the activities in which their children are involved

