

# Beyond the Requirements



## Why?

1. Educational Achievement of Students (See quote below).
2. If parents and teachers become partners, parents will support teachers and become advocates for schools.
3. Parents will be aware of what's going on in the classroom and at school and so be better able to reinforce what the school is doing at home.
4. If we are legally required to do some parental involvement, why not take full advantage of the benefits of involving parents in the most productive way?
5. It is unethical *not* to involve parents.
6. Parents get to see what you do and become an advocate for you.
7. You gain greater awareness of what's going on in the student's life.
8. Parents become easily accessible as a resource for curricular issues.
9. Assures the accuracy of the information parents are receiving if they receive it directly from you.
10. When parents are involved in their child's education, the child sees that education is important.

“According to a review of sixty-six studies of how students succeed in school (Henderson & Berla, 1994), when parents become involved in children's education at school and in the community, the results include one or more of the following:

- Higher grades and test scores
- Better attendance and regularly completed homework
- Fewer placements in special education or remedial classes
- More positive attitudes and behavior in school
- Higher graduation rates
- Greater enrollment in post-secondary education”

[quoted from Chapter 7 of Home School Relations,  
Fuller & Olsen]