

## Parental Involvement

### *Definition*

Parental involvement can be defined as parental aspirations for their child's academic achievement and parents sharing these aspirations with their child, parents' communication with their children about school, parental participation in school activities, parents' communication with teachers, and the school-related rules that parents impose at home (Fan & Chen, 2001). Students with parents who are involved in their school tend to have fewer behavioral problems and better academic performance and are more likely to complete high school than students whose parents are not involved in their school (Henderson & Berla, 1994).

### *Special Notes*

Younger children may need an explanation for some of the terms used in this instrument. Administrators of the instruments can choose a desirable time period for students to refer to (e.g., the current school, within the last three months, the current semester, etc.). For instance, you can ask students "Consider your parent/caregiver's involvement at your school within the past [insert time period]" as part of the instructions read aloud. It is important that students and parents are made aware that this measure is not meant to judge parenting practices, but rather just as a measure of parent involvement at the school level.

This scale was created by authors of this handbook.

### *Related Indicator*

- Family Connectedness

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Please rate how often your parents/caregivers did each of the following at your school using the scale from:

1 = Never; 2 = Sometimes; 3 = Quite Often; 4 = Very Often

1.	Helped with school events.	Never 1	Sometimes 2	Quite Often 3	Very Often 4
2.	Led an after-school program.	Never 1	Sometimes 2	Quite Often 3	Very Often 4
3.	Attended parent-teacher conferences.	Never 1	Sometimes 2	Quite Often 3	Very Often 4
4.	Asked for updates on my progress from my teacher.	Never 1	Sometimes 2	Quite Often 3	Very Often 4
5.	Chaperoned school field trips.	Never 1	Sometimes 2	Quite Often 3	Very Often 4
6.	Helped me with my homework.	Never 1	Sometimes 2	Quite Often 3	Very Often 4
7.	Read newsletters/ notes that are sent home from my school/teacher.	Never 1	Sometimes 2	Quite Often 3	Very Often 4
8.	Attended my school concert, play, or sports game.	Never 1	Sometimes 2	Quite Often 3	Very Often 4