

What Parents Can Do

Linvolve yourself in planning, doing, and critiquing

- *Parents have a role in the decision of whether or not the school should adopt a school-wide program. They should be involved in designing and conducting assessments needed for this decision.*

Notify other parents about the school program

- *All parents should have opportunities to participate in the decision-making process and other school activities*

Voice hopes, expectations, and concerns for the program

- *Parents are active partners with schools and teacher.*

Own the school program's goals and activities

- *Parent and school staff decide how policies, practices, and strategies can be stronger tools for improving programs.*

Learn together with teachers and other parents

- *Parents can receive training to promote their participation in school activities and their children's education.*

Value the accomplishments of your school and child through celebration

- *Recognition of progress encourages continued improvement. Success is always under construction.*

Evaluate way to plan and improve the program.

- *Parents contribute ideas about how the program can increase their children's academic achievement.*

Determine if the school's parent involvement policy is effective.

- *School-wide program must involve parents in meaningful, ongoing ways to share decision-making.*