



Parent Engagement

Effective relationships are built upon respect, trust and collaboration



Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) believes parent engagement enhances achievement and success for students, schools and the Division overall. By being involved in their child's education, parents can provide an important perspective; give feedback that helps inform key decisions made by teachers, schools and Division administration; and nurture a positive learning environment, both at home and at school.

There are many ways parents and schools can engage to ensure every child learns and grows:



Take an active role in your child's education.

- ensure homework's complete
- sign agendas
- go through tests and assignments with your child
- read together
- seek out tutoring if needed



Become actively involved with the school.

- school council
- fundraiser society
- volunteer for field trips
- hot lunches and snack days
- help organize, set-up and takedown school events



Provide feedback through surveys.

- Accountability Pillar Survey for grades 4, 7 and 10
- EIPS Parent Survey
- school-generated surveys



Monitor school correspondence.

- newsletters
- websites
- social media
- note important dates on agendas and calendars
- monitor email



Connect with school staff.

- attend parent-teacher-student conferences
- meet the teachers and principal
- ask questions about programming and support
- respectfully address concerns



Prepare your child for success.

- ready to participate
- attends school regularly
- has a nutritious breakfast and lunch
- is physically and emotionally healthy
- contributes to a positive school culture

Ask questions such as:

- How can I support my child or enrich their educational experience?
- How can we work together?
- What's the best approach to assisting with my child's education?

To help facilitate parent engagement schools will:

- Keep parents well informed about student achievement, school activities and enhanced educational opportunities.
- Seek out parent feedback about changes to budgets, school plans, fees, programming and other initiatives by way of meetings and online surveys.
- Collaborate with parents about possible ways to enhance and improve their child's classroom experience.
- Ensure a welcoming, safe, caring and respectful environment in which to address concerns.

Through strong, co-operative relationships with parents, EIPS leaders are better positioned to make well-informed choices that are in the best interests of all students.