



Education Concepts Parent Academy

Parental involvement is an essential component in educating our youth.

It has been proven that the more parents are involved on the school level the more likely it is for their children to exceed in academic and personal achievement.

The more the parent learns about the way the school functions, the more the parent will understand the educational process and educational decisions.

There are several reasons as to why parents are not involved in their child's school and schools must understand that lack of participation by parents does not necessarily mean they are neglecting their responsibilities. They simply may not have the time, resources, or know-how to help out. Parents may not feel welcomed at school or feel as though they have nothing of importance to offer. The latter is especially true if the parent in question lacks formal education.

According to the 2000 US Census Bureau statistics on the city of Chicago, there were 23% of those surveyed (roughly 420,000) over the age of 25 that received a high school diploma or equivalency. Of those 23%, only 4.6% and 15.5% received an Associates or Bachelors Degree respectively (US Census Bureau 2000).

However, these percentages does not account for race, socioeconomic status, or poverty level. Based off prior knowledge and research conducted of groups representing the characteristics listed above, we can estimate the numbers to be drastically lower than those mentioned above.

It is the goal of Education Concepts to increase the numbers of college graduates in the City of Chicago by encouraging students and their parents to achieve a higher education.

It is imperative that we not only equip parents to help their child in their personal and professional lives, but also that we equip them to further educate and advance themselves in their attainment of personal and professional development.

We have developed workshops and seminars around topics that have proven to be beneficial to the success of parents.

Our sessions will be offered twice (2) a month on Saturdays and will run from 11am-1pm.

For more information about Education Concepts, visit www.edu-concepts.org



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Goal/Objective: To inform and educate parents and guardians on how they can assist themselves and their child in obtaining excellence in their personal and professional life.

Session Topics

Furthering your Child's Education

- How to increase your child's grades
- Etiquette - In conjunction with the student etiquette session
- School Financing/FAFSA
- College Savings Plans
- Choosing the best high school for your child
 - Understanding the High School Environment
- Working with your child's network of support
- College support programs
- College Admissions
- Parenting Skills

Professional Development Sessions

- Furthering your education
 - Information regarding degree completion or graduate / professional studies
- Resume and interviewing tips
- Homeownership
- Retirement Plans
- Understanding Technology
 - Introductory courses on Microsoft Word / Excel / PowerPoint
- Debt Relief / Financial Planning