

# Information for parents

What does the new Child-Parent Center mean for me and my family?



The goal of the new Child-Parent Center at your school is to improve your child's education. The program offers educational and family support services. It enhances family involvement in children's education from preschool to 3rd grade.

## Changes for your child

Your child will have:

- **Smaller class size.** They will get more attention from the teacher.
- **Hands-on learning.** Students are excited about learning and can choose their own activities.



## Why should I be involved?

Research shows that parent involvement:

- Increases children's reading scores
- Increases children's ability to control their behaviors (examples: use good manners, stay focused on a task, not throw a tantrum)
- Increases students' motivation to learn in school

*"I think it's really important [for parents to be involved at school]. When our children see that we're there, it's really important to them. It will motivate them more to be in school. It's a way for them to know their parents really care about them and their education."*

— Adriana  
Parent of child in CPC program

## Expectations for parents

The CPC program wants parents to be involved in their child's education. You will be expected to participate in events at school.

In the CPC program:

- You will learn how to help your children with school work at home. This can improve your child's grades and social skills. It can also improve their attendance and opportunities for college.
- You are required to spend 2.5 hours per week on activities in the home/school
- You can request a one-on-one meeting with a staff member to discuss your family's needs.
- Families communicate often with teachers and the school.

## Activities for parents

Free opportunities for parents include:

- Child development and parenting workshops (strategies to enhance learning at home and school)
- Language, literacy, math, and science activities for you to do with your child
- Enrolling in GED courses
- Job readiness workshops (examples: resume writing, interviewing skills) with times to fit your schedule
- Field trips and events in the community
- Health, safety, and nutrition events (examples: Zumba, healthy eating, domestic violence)
- Communication and home visits with professional staff ready to help you
- Participating in Parent Resource Room activities and receiving materials in your CPC center (examples: books and games you can borrow from the lending library).