

Supporting a Positive School Environment

School connectedness and a healthy and supportive school environment go hand in hand. These factors can help students engage in positive behaviors and get better grades. When families and schools work together, they help create a supportive environment for children.

Parents and families should make communication with school a two-way street. Some ways to accomplish this communication are:

- Read school newsletters.
- Attend parent-teacher-student conferences.
- Volunteer at school.
- Communicate regularly through emails, phone calls, or meetings to discuss grades, behaviors, and accomplishments.

Parents and Caregivers play an important role in creating a positive school environment. This support at home leads to better grades and confidence in school. Key factors that support learning at home are:

- Assisting with homework
- Reading to your child
- Asking about your child's day
- Teaching your child or children how to be kind, honest and respectful.

In addition, schools and families are stronger when they work with the community. Partnerships with local businesses, health services, libraries, sororities, fraternities, or churches can offer support and extra learning opportunities.