

**Forge strong family
and community
partnerships**

Strong partnerships benefit students

Students whose families are involved in their learning:

- Earn better grades
- Enroll in higher-level programs
- Have higher graduation rates
- Are more likely to enroll in postsecondary education
- Display more positive attitudes toward school
- Behave better in and out of school

Source: **von Frank, V. (2012, Summer)**. Research-based practices forge strong family and community partnerships. *Tools for Learning Schools*. Oxford, OH: Learning Forward.



Engagement & teacher satisfaction

Teachers in schools with high parent engagement are more than twice as likely as those in schools with low parent engagement to say they are very satisfied with their job (57% vs. 25%).

Source: **MetLife. (2011).** *MetLife survey of the American teacher: Teachers, parents and the economy.* New York: Author.
Available at www.metlife.com/teachersurvey.



Not just another family night

- Use partnership practices that tie to school improvement goals
- Base programs on what research has shown to be effective
- Use partner work and time to help students do their best academically or behaviorally
- Learn to plan goal-linked activities that are tied to student learning

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Eight elements make effective partnerships

- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Written plans
- Implementation
- Evaluation
- Collegial support
- Adequate budget
- Networking

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Download the article and accompanying tools

Read the full article, published in *Tools for Learning Schools* (Summer, 2012).

Download these accompanying tools: **An inventory of present practices of school, family, and community partnerships, and 8 elements make effective family and community partnerships**

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