

# Counterfeit

## How Familiar Are You With School Information? The Parental Involvement Report Card

The Newark Public Schools recognizes how important involved parents and guardians are to their child's success in school. The "Parental Involvement Report Card" is designed to give you ideas on how to better encourage and support your child's success in school.

By rating yourself honestly, you may be able to see additional ways you can play a bigger role in helping your child improve his or her test scores and grades and develop moral and social responsibility. The ultimate goal in using this report card is to increase your child's opportunities to succeed in school and in life.

Please respond below by circling your answer to the following questions and then total your responses using the instructions at the bottom of the last page. **No peeking!**

### How Well Do You Support Your Child's Learning?

#### PARENTING

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| 1.  | Have you identified a time and place in your home for your child to do homework?   | Yes | No |
| 2.  | Have you supplied the school with your current phone number and address?   | Yes | No |
| 3.  | Do you know what information and skills your child should master at his/her grade level or in his/her major subject areas? (IEP, Snapshots, State Core Curriculum Content Standards), HS Course Proficiencies? | Yes | No |
| 4.  | Do you monitor your child's television viewing habits?   | Yes | No |
| 5.  | Have you discussed with your child the importance of a good education?   | Yes | No |
| 6.  | Did you attend Open House or Back-to-School Night at your child's school?  | Yes | No |
| 7.  | Do you support and reinforce the school's discipline plan?   | Yes | No |
| 8.  | Do you support your child's learning by providing nutritious meals and adequate time to sleep?   | Yes | No |
| 9.  | Do both you and your child have a library card and visit the library?  | Yes | No |
| 10. | Do you make sure that your child attends school daily on time?   | Yes | No |
| 11. | Do you contact your child's school when he/she will be absent?   | Yes | No |

### LEARNING AT HOME

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| 12. | Do you monitor your child's homework?   | Yes | No |
| 13. | Do you read to your child? If your child is older, do you encourage reading by paying attention to what your child reads as well as how often he/she reads? | Yes | No |
| 14. | Do you hold your child responsible for completing all assignments on time <u>to the best of his/her ability</u>   | Yes | No |
| 15. | Are you knowledgeable about what information and skills your child should master at his/her grade level <u>to the best of his/her grade ability.</u>        | Yes | No |
| 16. | Do you ask your child's teacher how you can support what they are doing?  | Yes | No |
| 17. | Do you know about the Homework Hotline on Cablevision, Channel 22, or other programs in the community available for after school help?                      | Yes | No |
| 18. | Do you help your child to develop organizational skills by recording assignments and due dates on a calendar or planner?                                    | Yes | No |
| 19. | Do you praise your child for doing well?  | Yes | No |

### How Involved Are You With Your Child's School?

#### VOLUNTEERING

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| 20. | Do you volunteer to help teachers, administrators, students and other parents?  | Yes | No |
| 21. | Were you a class parent, telephone tree coordinator, or a volunteer who provided parents with needed information?             | Yes | No |
| 22. | Were you part of parent patrols or other activities to increase the safety and operation of your child's school and programs? | Yes | No |

#### DECISION MAKING

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| 23. | Have you attended at least one (1) PTA, PTO, Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC), or other parental group meeting this year?                     | Yes | No |
| 24. | Have you worked on School Leadership Councils (SLC), SLC Sub-committee meetings, district level councils, and/or committees on issues concerning your schools? | Yes | No |
| 25. | Did you assist in providing information on school or local district elections for your school representatives?   | Yes | No |

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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| 26. | Have you attended at least one school program?<br>(examples are award assembly, a play an athletic event, or a school event) | Yes | No |
| 27. | Are you a model of "good sportsmanship" when attending school and community events.)   | Yes | No |
| 28. | Do you insist that your child exhibit good sportsmanship at all times?   | Yes | No |
| 29. | Do you encourage your child to participate in volunteer projects, which serve the community?                                 | Yes | No |

### How Familiar Are You With School Information?

#### COMMUNICATING

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| 30. | Have you read the student code of conduct and/or discipline policy?  | Yes | No |
| 31. | Do you work with the guidance counselor to ensure that your child's special needs and interests are met and/or that your child's enrolls in courses to prepare him/her for a chosen career path? (High School parents) | Yes | No |
| 32. | Do you regularly read the school newsletter?   | Yes | No |
| 33. | Are you familiar with the extra services provided at your child's school? {examples are speech therapy, resource help for gifted students, counseling and internships (High School).}                                  | Yes | No |
| 34. | Do you make yourself available for conferences requested by your child's teacher?  | Yes | No |
| 35. | Have you had a least one parent-teacher conference with your child's teacher(s)?   | Yes | No |
| 36. | Do you initiate contact with your child's teacher or principal just to show your support?  | Yes | No |
| 37. | Are you aware of your child's academic strengths and weaknesses?   | Yes | No |
| 38. | Are you familiar with the grading scale used on your child's report card?  | Yes | No |
| 39. | Are you familiar with the District's Goals and Guiding Principles?   | Yes | No |

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Add the number of boxes marked "Yes" and get your score below.

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| 27 – 39 | <b>Congratulations! You are a strong partner in your child's education.</b>   |
| 13 – 26 | <b>You are making good contributions to your child's education, but there are even more ways that you can help.</b> |
| 0 - 12  | <b>Seek assistance in how to become more involved in your child's education.</b>                                    |