

Title I

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Parents

Parents Involvement Helps in Child's Education



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What Is Parental Involvement, Exactly?

Parental involvement in your child's education can mean:

- Checking homework every night
- Discussing your children's progress with teachers
- Helping your school to set challenging academic standards
- Limiting TV viewing on school nights
- Becoming an advocate for better education in your community and state.

Or, it can be as simple as asking your children, "How was school today?" But ask every day. That will send your children the clear message that their schoolwork is important to you and you expect them to learn. Some parents and families are able to be involved in their child's education in many ways. Others may only have time for one or two activities. Whatever your level of involvement, do it consistently and stick with it

Why Is Parental Involvement Important?

In study after study, researchers discover how important it is for parents to be actively involved in their child's education. Here are some of the findings of major research into parental involvement:

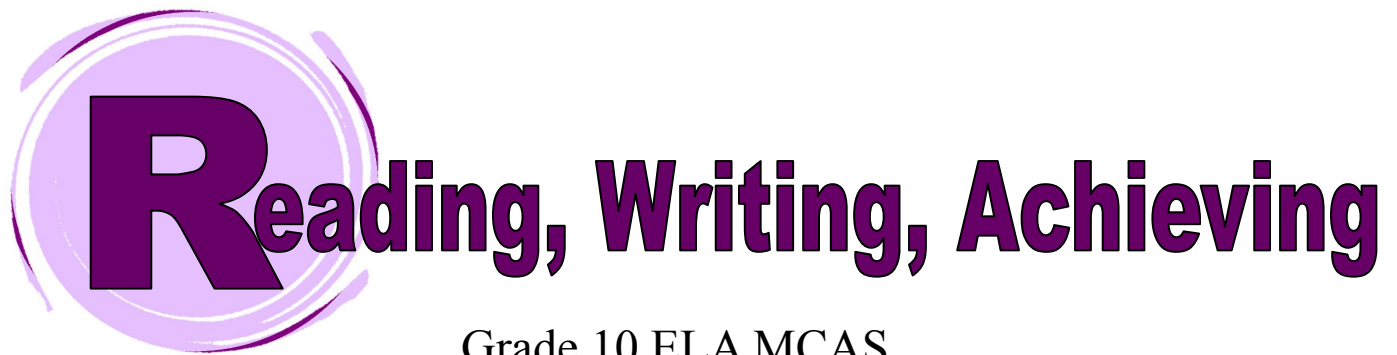
- When parents are involved in their children's education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school — and the schools they go to are better.
- The family makes critical contributions to student achievement from preschool through high school. A home environment that encourages learning is more important to student achievement than income, education level or cultural background.
- Reading achievement is more dependent on learning activities in the home than is math or science. Reading aloud to children is the most

important activity that parents can do to increase their child's chance of reading success. Talking to children about books and stories read to them also supports reading achievement.

- When children and parents talk regularly about school, children perform better academically.
- Three kinds of parental involvement at home are consistently associated with higher student achievement: *(1) actively organizing and monitoring a child's time*, *(2) helping with homework* and *(3) discussing school matters*.
- The earlier that parent involvement begins in a child's educational process, the more powerful the effects.
- Positive results of parental involvement include improved student achievement, reduced absenteeism, improved behavior, and restored confidence among parents in their children's schooling.

Ways You Can Get Involved:

Since the parental involvement programs play an important role in the educational process you can do the following:



Reading, Writing, Achieving

Grade 10 ELA MCAS Title I Parent/Student Workshop

You and your son/daughter are encouraged to attend the following Tuesday night workshop sessions from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Greater Lowell Technical High School on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 11, 2007
Tuesday, January 15, 2008
Tuesday, February 12, 2008
Tuesday, March 11, 2008
Tuesday, March 18, 2008

Please be involved in your child's success and take advantage of these workshops to increase his/her chance to pass MCAS in grade 10. The success of grade 10 students at Greater Lowell Technical High School is important to all of us.

Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please call:

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