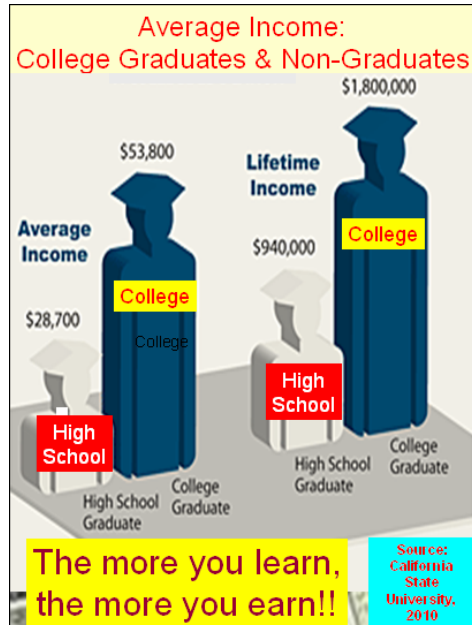




Does building a powerful education team really make a difference?

ABSOLUTELY!
It will change your child's life.



Are you ready to make a plan to build a powerful education team for your child?

Well, GET started!

Let us know how we can help.
Tacoma NAACP Education Committee

Parents, Teachers, & Children are ~

Great Education Teams

So Let's GET Going!



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Resources

Tacoma Public Schools
<http://www.tacoma.k12.wa.us>

Reading to Children
Any public library!
www.tpl.lib.wa.us

Other good sites:
www.tacomahousing.org/education
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We know for sure that --

The earlier parent involvement begins in a child's educational process, the more powerful the effects.

Parents of successful students are constantly involved with their child's education by:

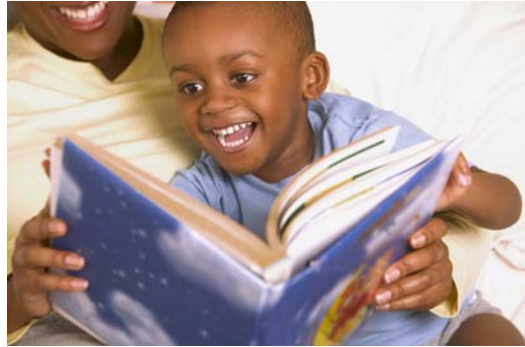
- ✓ Frequently communicating with teachers and school staff.
- ✓ Working with teachers to set education goals for each school year, month, week, and day.
- ✓ Getting involved in the decision making at the school, in PTA, and community meetings.
- ✓ Being lifelong learners themselves.



The 3 Keys to Success in School

☞ Building Language Skills

- Make reading as natural to your child as breathing.
- Read often to your child and yourself.
- Help your child learn how to pronounce words and learn their meanings.
- Ask your child questions about what they are reading.
- Find new ways to make language learning fun! Your child's teacher and any librarian have lots of ideas.



☞ Education Networking

- ✓ Know who your allies are in educating yourself and your child. Communicate with them frequently.
- ✓ Stay informed! Read everything that comes from the school. Call if you have questions.
- ✓ Request frequent reports on your child's progress. If you have a middle or high school student, you can check grades online.
- ✓ Avoid 11th hour crisis management. If your child is missing learning opportunities, that is too late!

☞ Empowering Parents

Never Settle for Failure! Transform Failure Into Success! If you are having difficulty connecting with someone at your school, contact the next person in charge. Don't be afraid to ask for what your children need. You are your children's most important advocate. It's your job to stand up for them.

A Parent's Pledge

Make a Pledge to Yourself Today!

I Will Do These Things

- *Build my child's language skills.*
- *Use language to make lifelong learning fun.*
- *Learn all I can about the education system.*
- *Build a powerful education team with my child's teacher, other parents, and school staff.*
- *Learn how to be an empowered parent.*

Now that you've made a pledge, set goals and make a plan to achieve your goals.

- ✓ Identify and build on your strengths as a person and parent. You are your child's first teacher.
- ✓ Know, develop, and nourish your child's learning strengths at home as well as at school. Have a regular library day.
- ✓ Intentionally and assertively build quality partnerships with your child's school teacher and the principal.
- ✓ Develop the attitude that learning is important for yourself as well as for your child. Model a love of learning.

