

50 Ways Families & Community Members can Help Schools

Come to school to assist.

- 1. Share information with a student or class about a hobby.
- 2. Share information with a student or a class about a career.
- 3. Share information with students about a country you visited or lived in.
- 4. Tutor one or a small group of students in reading, math, or other area.
- 5. Help coach an athletic team.
- 6. Help check a student's written work.
- 7. Help put out a school or classroom newsletter (can also be done at home).
- 8. Help sew or paint a display.
- 9. Help build something (such as a loft in a classroom or new playground).
- 10. Help students work on a finalexhibition or project (can also be done at home or workplace).
- 11. Help answer the schools' phone.
- 12. Help plan a new playground for the school.
- 13. Help plan a theme-based presentation for students.
- 14. Help present a theme-based program for students.
- 15. Demonstrate cooking from a particular country or culture to students.
- 16. Share a particular expertise with faculty (such as use of computers, dealing with disruptive students).
- 17. Help students plan and build an outdoor garden or other project to beautify the outside of the school.
- 18. Help coach students competing in an academic competition (such as Odyssey of the Mind, Future Problem Solving, Math Masters).
- 19. Help bring senior citizens to school to watch a student production

Help arrange learning opportunities in the community.

20. Help arrange an internship or apprenticeship for a student at your business or organization.

- 21. Host a one-day 'shadow study' for one or a small group of students about your career in business or some other organization.
- 22. Go on a local field trip with a teacher and a group of students.
- 23. Go on an extended (3-5 day) cross-country field trip with a teacher & students.
- 24. Contact a particular local business or organization regarding possible cooperation.
- 25. Help create a natural area outside the building where students can learn.

Serve on an advisory or decision-making committee.

- 26. Serve on the school-wide site council.
- 27. Serve on a school committee that reports to the site council.
- 28. Serve on a district committee representing the school.
- 29. Serve as an officer in the school's PTA.
- 30. Help organize a parent organization for the school.
- 31. Help design a parent and or student survey for the school.
- 32. Help conduct and or tabulate results of a parent survey regarding the school.

Share information or advocate for the school.

- 33. Serve as a member of a 'telephone tree' to distribute information quickly.
- 34. Write to legislators or school board members about the school.
- 35. Help the school develop presence on Facebook or other social media
- 36. Go to a school board meeting to advocate for the school.
- 37. Help school develop, refine or maintain a presence on Internet
- 38. Help design a brochure or booklet about the school.
- 39. Help translate information from the school into a language other than English.
- 40. Help translate at a parent-teacher conference for people who don't speak English well.
- 41. Provide transportation to a parent-teacher conference for a parent who needs a ride.
- 42. Write an article for publication in a magazine about the school's activities.
- 43. Help arrange for a political leader (mayor, city council, state representative, member of Congress) to visit the school.

Increase financial resources available to the school.

- 44. Help write a proposal that brings new resources to the school.
- 45. Donate materials to the school.
- 46. Arrange for a business or other organization to donate materials to the school.
- 47. Help with a fundraiser for the school.

Help other parents develop their parenting skills.

- 48. Help teach a class for parents on ways they can be stronger parents.
- 49. Help produce a You-Tube video for parents on ways they can be more effective parents.
- 50. Help write, publish, and distribute a list of parenting tips.

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