**PARENTING ACTIVITIES**



School to Home

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Family-and-Community-Engagement/Family-Learning-Tips-and-Tools>

* Check out reading materials and DVDs from the school library on this topic. (Successful Innovations, Inc.)
* Listen to CDs while driving, esp. for busy parents
* Involvement programs that link to learning improve student achievement
* Family nights on curricular areas
* Family-teacher conferences that involve students
* Family workshops on planning for college (pta.org)
* Know what is important to teachers (ptotoday.com)
* Help parents recognize what is age-appropriate behavior, tv shows, reading materials, computer games, etc. . .
* "hands-on" college application assistance
* Family-school calendar with tips, resources, school schedule
* Free / low-cost health clinics
* Information on transitions (elem - middle school - high school - post-secondary)
* Family roles and responsibilities: school attendance, graduation requirements, career prep
* Offer GED programs, family support sessions, computer classes, get info to parents who cannot attend workshop
* Orientation "scavenger hunt"
* Attendance summit

Home to School

* Form relationships with all school staff that are in contact with your child
* Ask for assistance when needed
* Ask how to get emails, texts, etc. . . from school

RESOURCES:

*Beyond the Bake Sale*, by A.T. Henderson et al., 2007 by The New Press.

*Families, Professionals, and Exceptionality, Seventh Edition*, by A. Turnbull et al, 2015 by Pearson Education, Inc.

S*chool, Family, and Community Partnerships*, *Third Edition*, by J. L. Epstein et al., 2009 by Corwin Press.

*What Successful Schools Do To Involve Families: 55 Partnership Strategies*, by N.A. Glasgow & P.J. Whitney, 2009 by Corwin Press.