Georgia Virtual Family - Friendly Partnership Schools

Part of the Georgia Family - Friendly Partnership School Initiative

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Hello Partners!

You are an important part of student learning, school improvement and overall academic achievement. Students do better if parents are involved. They are more likely to earn better grades, graduate from high school, and enroll in post secondary education.

The Georgia Virtual Family - Friendly Partnership Schools supports student learning, parent involvement and, most importantly, a safe and welcoming environment for communities and families. The material in this kit has been developed to help schools, families and communities work together to create a family-friendly environment. Why a family - friendly environment? In order for parents and the community to feel connected to the school and a part of student success, the school must be welcoming to all of its partners!

According to research, children do best if parents can play a variety of roles in their learning such as: helping at home, volunteering at school, planning their children's future, and taking part in key decisions about their school's program*.

The Georgia Virtual Family - Friendly Partnership Schools materials should be used by all—educational leaders, school staff, parents, community organizations and local business partners. As a result, schools, families and communities will be able to contribute to an environment that supports parent involvement and student success!

For more information on Georgia's Family-Friendly Partnership School Initiative visit our website at http://www.gadoe.org/tss_title.aspx?PageReq=FamilyFriendly or please contact:

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* A New Wave of Evidence: The Impact of School, Family, and Community Connections on Student Achievement (2002) by Anne T. Henderson and Karen L. Mapp

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