

# Parenting Education Program (PEP)

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*Parents and K-12 students*

## The Program

The Planning Education Program (PEP) strives to strengthen the family-school partnership by teaching parents and K-12 students effective strategies for achieving success in school. The goals of PEP are: (1) to build the foundation of every child's education by having the school reflect the values of the home and the home support the efforts of the school, (2) to enable parents to participate in educational decision making, (3) to ensure that the school district provides services that are accessible, and (4) to train additional parent leaders and teachers.

Components of PEP include parent/child workshops and parent-to-parent workshops utilizing the Every Person Influences Children (EPIC) Program. One to three 2-hour workshops are offered in each of these subjects: reading, pre-literacy, science, math, and affective behavior. Workshop activities include orienting, modeling, breaking out into parent and child pairings, debriefing, and evaluating.

## Results

Surveys administrated at the conclusion of the workshops revealed that parents felt better able to talk to their children (86%-93%), could interact positively (87%-96%), and resolve conflicts with their children (79%-90%) as a result of participating in a PEP workshop. Mail survey respondents reported that 64% felt better able to communicate with other parents, and 77% got involved in their children's school.



## Learning Standards

The program provides a mechanism for better school-home communication to help students meet the standards.

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