

Parent Related Resources

Interactive Illinois Report Card

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<http://iirc.niu.edu>

The Illinois State Board of Education, with help from Just for the Kids, the Business Roundtable, and Northern Illinois University, has developed a state-of-the-art web site for reporting information on school and district performance. The web site presents a wealth of information for parents:

- providing attractive and clear charts and graphs on each school's and district's test performance;
- comparing each school's performance to the best schools in the state, using scatter plot charts;
- explaining what the tests cover and how they are administered;
- explaining state standards and instructional tools available in the schools, including best practices;
- explaining the accountability system;
- explaining the school improvement process, with links to school improvement plans; and
- providing, in both English and Spanish, the demographic information, information on teacher experience, average teacher salaries, and instructional expenditures per student (for each school).

In effect, the web site links performance data for schools and districts to the overall effort to redesign and improve education, linking scores with curriculum, resources, standards, and best practices. It includes specific links that provide contextual information designed specifically for parents, educators, and the business community.

IllinoisParents.org

CEEP
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Children's Research Center
51 Gerty Drive
Champaign, IL 61820-7469
(217) 333-1386 <http://www.illinoisparents.org>

IllinoisParents.org is the information link for Illinois families! Working to link parents directly to local programs, services, and community agencies - and to help parents find information on raising and educating their children!

No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

<http://www.isbe.net/nclb/default.htm>

Illinois School Report Card

<http://webprod1.isbe.net/ereportcard/publicsite/getSearchCriteria.aspx>

Supplemental Education Services (SES) Providers

http://www.isbe.net/ses/html/service_providers.htm

SES in Action: A Toolkit for Parents and Community Leaders

This Toolkit provides parents and community leaders with information, tips, and tools to help families understand and use SES options.

<http://www.tutorsforkids.org/>

To find out if your children are eligible for SES, and learn more about Illinois local providers, families can go to:

Name Gary Greene, Ph.D.

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Illinois PTA

901 S. Spring Street

Springfield, IL 62704

(800) 877-9617 <http://www.illinoispta.org/default.asp>

Support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children. To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children. To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

Parental Information and Resource Centers (PIRC) – PIRCs are funded by the U.S.

Department of Education to give parents, educators, and organizations that work with families information about SES and other options that can help children succeed in school. Visit the site to find a PIRC in your area.

<http://www.pirc-info.net/pircs.asp>

Academic Development Institute

121 N. Kickapoo Street

Lincoln, IL 62656

(217) 732-6462

<http://www.adi.org/>

The Academic Development Institute (ADI) works with families, schools, and communities so that all children may become self-directed learners, avid readers, and responsible citizens, respecting themselves and those around them.

Parent Resource Service Center

3663 South Wabash

Chicago, IL 60653

(773) 535-0139

<http://www.cps.k12.il.us/Parent/Edself.html>

The center disseminates materials and information, provides computer literacy instruction, assists parents in solving problems that develop in schools within their community and throughout the city, and provides technical assistance for program planning and evaluation. Ultimately, PRSC facilitates programs that empower parents with skills to help them better assist children with homework and to develop and instill positive behaviors in them.

Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO)

1710 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Floor 12

Washington, D.C. 20036

(202) 429-2236

<http://www.baeo.org/>

BAEO focuses on increasing educational options for black children and informing parents about parental choice and SES components of the No Child Left Behind Act. Currently, BAEO is working in three cities — Detroit, Philadelphia, and Milwaukee — to inform parents about SES.

SchoolMatters

<http://www.schoolmatters.com/>

Standard & Poor's, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. This website provides users with in-depth data on public schools, school districts, and state education agencies.

National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education

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<http://www.ncpie.org/>

NCPIE, advocates for the involvement of parents and families in their children's education, and to foster relationships between home, school, and community to enhance the education of our entire nation's young people.

Public Education Network

601 Thirteenth Street NW
Suite 710 South
Washington, DC 20005-3808
(202) 628 7460

http://www.publiceducation.org/nclb_main/

The Public Education Network (PEN), working in conjunction with the National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education (NCPIE), has developed materials that community leaders and parents all over the country have requested about understanding NCLB.

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

1703 N. Beauregard St.
Alexandria, VA 22311-1714
(800) 933-2723, press 2

<http://www.ascd.org>

ASCD, a community of educators, advocating sound policies and sharing best practices to achieve the success of each learner. ASCD address all aspects of effective teaching and learning—such as professional development, educational leadership, and capacity building. ASCD offers broad, multiple perspectives—across all education professions—in reporting key policies and practices. Because we represent all educators, we are able to focus solely on professional practice within the context of "Is it good for the children?" rather than what is reflective of a specific educator role. In short, ASCD reflects the conscience and content of education.

Hispanic Policy Development Project

122 East 42nd Street
42nd Floor
New York, NY 10168
(646) 723-0750

The Hispanic Policy Development Project is an advocacy resource group for Hispanic parents and families that aim to increase the involvement of Hispanic families in the educational system. The Project advises schools on ways to improve family-school partnerships. It publishes informational pamphlets and bilingual books for families to read to kids and it produces reports, including, Together is Better, which analyzes why some parent involvement programs work and others don't.

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The National Coalition of ESEA Title I Parents

National Parent Center
310 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20003
(202) 547-3135

<http://www.ncticlp.org>

The National Coalition of Title I/Chapter 1 Parents was founded in 1973 by fifty parents to help parents become more actively involved in their children's education. The Coalition provides information, training and technical assistance to parents and other community groups.

The Parent Institute

P.O. Box 7474
Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7474
(800) 756-5525

<http://www.par-inst.com>

The mission of The Parent Institute is to encourage parent involvement in the education of their children. The Parent Institute publishes a variety of materials including newsletters, booklets, audio CDs, brochures, videos and presentation kits.

GreatSchools.net

301 Howard Street, Suite 1440
San Francisco, CA 94105

<http://www.greatschools.net>

To improve K-12 education by inspiring parents to get involved. A national, independent nonprofit organization committed to helping parents like you choose schools, support your children's education and improve schools in your community.