

# EMPOWERING & EDUCATING PARENTS

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# Why Is This Important?

Parental involvement in the child's academic environment is important for academic success

# The Parents Roles

## #1 Be Prepared



# The Binder

- *Current IEP*
- *Audiogram*
- *Any Test Scores & Evaluations*
- *Work Samples*



# Need To Know.

- *Can you understand your child's audiogram?*
- *Who is working with you child?*
- *What are your child's present levels and who monitors them?*
- *Where are your child's strengths and weaknesses?*

# Parent Agenda

- *Goals*
- *Accommodations*
- *Services*
- *Communication*



# On-going.....

- *Communication*
- *Share Report with Everyone!*
- *Volunteer*
- *Ask questions*
- *Meet other Parents*
- *Educate Yourself*
- *Return items requested.*
- *Make your child's teachers, therapists, and counselors..... your friend!!!!*



# BE INVOLVED

- *Teacher consultations*
- *Communicate with school staff regularly*
- *Keep good notes*
- *Document everything*
- *Be present*





# COMMUNICATE

- *Communication with parents*
- *Inservice and communicate with school staff regularly*
- *Collaborate with audiologists and other health professionals*
- *New Teacher Evaluations*

# THE IEP

- *Give parents a task*
  - *IEP checklist*
- *Communicate with parents right before the conference*
- *Make sure parents understand the IEP and their child's present levels*



# INFORM

- *Make sure parents know:*
  - *Audiogram (familiar sounds)*
  - *Hearing loss*
  - *Parent rights*
  - *Accommodations*
  - *Goals*
  - *Progress Monitoring*



# IMMERSE

- *Invite to local trainings for both parents and professionals*
- *Encourage involvement in local organizations*

