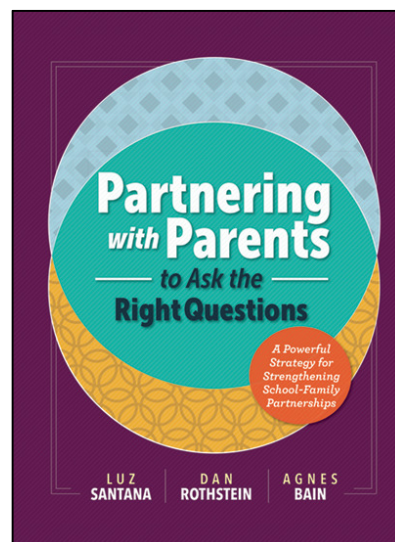


Partnering with Parents to Ask the Right Questions: A Powerful Strategy for Strengthening School–Family Partnerships

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Summary

How can we make it easier for schools and families to work together on behalf of all students? It all begins by tapping into the different strengths that educators, parents and caregivers can contribute to building a strong partnership.

Partnering with Parents to Ask the Right Questions, by Luz Santana, Dan Rothstein and Agnes Bain of the Right Question Institute, presents a deceptively simple strategy for how educators can build effective partnerships with parents – especially those who typically have not been actively involved in their children’s schooling. It distils complex, important ideas on effective civic participation into an easy-to-learn process that teaches parents two fundamental skills they can use to support the education of their children, monitor their progress and advocate for them when necessary: asking better questions and participating effectively in key decisions.

Based on more than two decades of work and research in a wide range of lower- and moderate-income communities, this book empowers overburdened and under-resourced educators and parents to work together and achieve their common goal of successful students.

This indispensable guide includes case studies spanning the F–12 spectrum, and it explores ways to assist struggling students, collaborate on IEPs, use school-based events to engage parents in problem solving, and tap into community resources to work effectively with families of English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) learners.

The accessible and easy-to-use format, field-tested advice and vivid examples from schools that put the advice into practice make this a must-have for everyone from the classroom to the central office.

Other Resources

- *Attention-Grabbing Tools for Involving Parents in Their Children’s Learning* (PBP7583)
- *Mindsets for Parents: Strategies to Encourage Growth Mindsets in Kids* (PRU3627)