



Education by the Numbers

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Do Outside of School Activities Affect Children's Learning?

Outside of the classroom, parents' engagement is a signal that education is a priority. Research shows a positive correlation between family involvement and improved educational outcomes like grades and attendance. Parents' involvement in outside of school educational activities have noted higher confidence and motivation for their children. These factors alone resulted in lowering dropout rates.

The data presented comparing the percentage of Elementary School Students (K-5 graders) whose parents reported engagement in education-related activities with their children, by time and type of activity.

Time Frame	Type of Activity	Year	
In Past Month		2012	2019
	Visit a library	46%	43%
	Went to a play, concert, live show	32%	33%
	Visited an art gallery, museum, historical site	26%	28%
	Visited a zoo or aquarium	25%	27%
	Attended an event sponsored by a community, religious, ethnic group	57%	53%
In the Past Week			
	Told child a story	69%	74%
	Did Arts and Crafts	67%	75%
	Discussed family history/ethnic heritage	49%	52%
	Played board games or did puzzles	64%	74%

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