The Importance of Latino Parent Involvement within the K-12 School System

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Introduction

Latino youth in the K-12 education system do not have high percentage rates of achieving academic success. There are several factors that affect Latino students' education, such as, lack of academic resources, insufficient support from educators, and limited parental involvement. In my research, I am focusing on parent involvement and how essential it is for their child's education. I aim to uncover the barriers and challenges that Latino parents face for effective involvement and support of their children.

Research Questions

Parental involvement is a foundation for student success, especially within the K-12 system. I will be conducting research based on these two questions about parental involvement:

• What are some of the barriers Latino parents face that prevent them from getting involved?
  - Language barrier
  - Lack of academic resources
  - Limited parental involvement
• How are school environments important in recruiting parent involvement?
• How can the adoption of the “Mexican Myth” by educators affect parent involvement?
• In what ways are educators essential to gain parental involvement?

Methodology

Research Questions

In addition to the importance of educators for student success is parental involvement.

Parent Voice and Parent Presence

In what ways are educators essential to gain parental involvement?

Methodology

For this research, I have analyzed qualitative sources with a quantitative perspective to frame this project and the importance of parent involvement. For the next stage, I will be conducting semi-structured interviews with the following participants in the Ceres Unified School District:

- Elementary Teacher
- Parent Teacher Association Member(s)
- Parents
- School District Administrator
- High School Counselor

Significance

The significance of this research is to see how parental involvement is essential for student academic success.

To this day, parental involvement is not a normal occurrence for many families, especially within the Latino community. Thus, I will uncover what is needed to improve and gain parent involvement.

Parental involvement not only helps students engage better in school, but also provides a support system, which also helps motivate them to achieve an education.

References


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