



TWO SURVEYS TO INCREASE FATHER INVOLVEMENT AT YOUR SCHOOL

These surveys can be administered by Parents Associations as a starting point for exploring father involvement, or to launch a new dad-focused initiative, committee or group. For best results the survey should be completed at the very beginning or end of the school year. Feel free to adapt or edit these questions in any way that suits your community. (Note: Survey can be administered as a hard copy or online)

I. A Survey for your community of Fathers/Father-Figures

1. Your Name and Address:

2. Your Child's name/age/grade:

3. Your Relationship (i.e., father, step-father, grandfather, etc.)

4. Contact Information (best way and times to reach you):

5. Your own special interests / skills / hobbies:

6. Things you enjoy doing with your child/children:

7. Things you would enjoy doing with other dads/kids? Other families?

8. Topics for fathers that you would like to see the PA or school address:

9. Best time / days for you to volunteer or participate in activities for parents:

10. Your suggestions for activities and events - at school or outside school - for dads & kids? For families? For just dads?

**How Well Are You Engaging Fathers and Father-Figures:
A Questionnaire For Your Parent Association**

1. Do you have father/father-figure representation on your PA?
2. Do you actively cultivate interest among dads about serving on the PA?
3. What times are meetings held?
4. Which PA events and activities are dads most involved in - as attendees? As volunteers? As organizers?
5. Does the PA make any specific outreach efforts to get dads more involved as volunteers, attendees and organizers?
6. What percentage (rough estimate) of your dad community attends parent education events?
7. Are there any PA programs, events, or activities specifically geared towards dads?
8. How do you know if you're meeting the needs, concerns & interests of your dad community?
9. What concerns, challenges or roadblocks does the PA face in trying to get the dad community more involved?
10. What are the potential benefits - to the PA, the students & families, and the school - of having a more fully involved, engaged community of dads?

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