

Our Parents and the School

Boys and Girls ask for better cooperation and a more sympathetic relationship between their mothers and fathers and their teachers. What can we do to help?

WE HAVE many problems here in our high school which must be solved. For instance, the parent-teacher relationship. We have a Mother's Club, but only a few teachers are connected with it and only a small percentage of mothers attend. It would help us if our parents took more interest in our studies and if the parents got to know our teachers better. A Parent-Teacher-Student Association after school hours might help matters considerably.

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I WOULD LIKE to go to a school where the parents had a closer relationship with the school, where the teachers made more visits into the homes and the parents more visits into the school.

In my ideal school the parents would cooperate with the teachers for the good of the school. They would be interested in the school and willing to support and encourage it. Their function would be more than merely signing excuses and report cards. They would have some say in the way the school is run and would know what was being done.

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PARENTS SHOULD have a deep interest in the schools and the pupils' work. They should be invited and urged

to visit the schools at any time. A changed attitude on the part of the pupil is desirable. If a parent visits the school too often, the thought is "Johnny is in trouble" or "suction" [pressure?] is likely to be applied.

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EACH PUPIL'S parents should know his child's teacher and his classmates. The parents should have a chance to go to the school and observe the teacher and classmates. The parents should talk with the teachers about future plans for their children. The parents should know the pupils' classmates because they will probably be their children's friends when they are grown.

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I TALKED ABOUT my school work at home so much that my mother came up to visit us. She liked it too.

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THE PARENTS should support the school and should see that the school is run right.

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PUT ME on the P.T.A. program; then mother will come. She likes to see me in programs.

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