

Engaging Parents in Education

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The Santa Ana Partnership is committed to empowering parents with information, resources, and programs regarding higher education to provide them with support and encouragement to be involved in their child's education and guide their children towards post-secondary education. Highlights of programs and services provided by the partnership are included below.

- *Parent Campus Visits*
- *Outreach at Community Fairs & Events*
- *Educational Workshops*
- *Home Visits*
- *Pláticas*

PADRES PROMOTORES DE LA EDUCACIÓN

The parent promoters or “Padres Promotores de la Educación” actively link parents to school services and deliver information on early college preparation to the community through non-traditional methods such as home visits, existing neighborhood networks and informal educational dialogues. The program began in January 2001 and is being administrated by Santa Ana College. All nine SAUSD middle schools and four comprehensive high schools are participating in the program.

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PARENT CURRICULUM: PADRE A PADRE

Parents have created a curriculum based on the presentations they have mastered in their pláticas. These lessons include topics such as:

- *High School Graduation Requirements*
- *University Entrance Requirements*
- *Calculating My Child's GPA*
- *Scholarship support for all students*
- *The Cost of a College Education*
- *Financial Aid Primer*
- *Helping My Child Transition From One Level to the Next*

These bilingual (English/Spanish) lessons use a simple template that can be followed with minimal preparation. This material enables the sharing of valuable information from parents to parents.

10 COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS

The *10 Commandments for Parents* is an effort inspired by a partnership with the Orange County Business Council and its the Latino Educational Attainment Initiative. It was important that a common message be established for all groups working with parents to promote. The diagram below provides a list of the commandments in English (also available in Spanish).

10 Commandments for Parents

1. Commit as a family to be involved in school.
2. Learn how the schools are ordered (Preschool thru college).
3. Learn what my child needs to graduate successfully from high school.
4. Support the learning of Mathematics, English, and Science.
5. Understand how grades work (A, B, C, D, F).
6. Encourage your child to take honors and advanced courses.
7. Help your child prepare for college early.
8. Realize college is affordable.
9. Do your part in helping your child study.
10. Teach your child to hope and visualize their future.