



PARENT SUCCESS STORY

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Jennifer Williams, a parent of a student in the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District in San Diego County, California, understands the importance and benefits of parent-teacher communication. As a designer for a popular children's clothing line, Jennifer's job is very time consuming. On top of designing and creating clothes, she also travels around the country getting to know her customers. Therefore, her family relies heavily upon

"As a parent, I love that with Jupiter iO parents can see grades/assignments in real time, contact teachers easily, and receive timely grade updates and messages from teachers all through one platform, Jupiter iO."

Jupiter iO to keep track of her son's progress in school. Jupiter also helps her feel connected to her son's school, by providing her the means to easily communicate with teachers using the messaging system.

The Benefits of Parent-Teacher Communication

Many studies prove the importance of parent-teacher communication. The effects on a student's attitude toward school are astronomical. From that interest stems academic success. In the past, communication with parents was often difficult, as papers sent home with students could be lost, or the student could forget to return them from home. Important things like permission slips or report cards could be left behind in a locker or on the dining room table.

The benefits of students having a support system that encompasses the adults in their lives—namely parents, guardians, and teachers—is a more effective predictor of student success than socio-economic status. Parents that set high, yet realistic, expectations for their student's education and foster a learning environment within their home are more likely to see their desired results.

Children who receive this level of attention in their academics achieve better grades, test scores, and attendance records. They are more likely to have confidence in their ability to comprehend and complete their work, and be more motivated to reach higher-standards and aspirations. Students have greater self-esteem, and because of this confidence show more discipline.

Methods of parent involvement that prove most successful are those which directly engage parents in the student's academics, as well as extra-curricular activities such as sports or the school play. There are also several benefits for educators when they make an effort to keep parents involved.

Frequent parent contact, such as keeping parents up-to-date on grades and behavior patterns, are great ways to keep parents invested in their student's success in school. Consistent communication is key when establishing a strong education network for students.

Aside from sending alerts to parents when a student is performing or behaving poorly in schools, informing parents of the positive progress their child is making will drastically improve morale in both students and parents.

Jupiter iO and Parent-Teacher Communication

At Jupiter Ed, we are constantly receiving praise from teachers and administrators about how great our products are. We don't often get to communicate with parents, but when we do, it is great to hear how much our product is making a difference in their child's education.

While there may be some parents who do not have easy access to a computer, the internet, or email, interaction through technology is often the easiest method of communication. Jupiter iO offers educators a variety of methods to communicate to students and parents. For those who do not have internet access, parents can receive text alerts on their cell phones.

"Both my husband and I have the Jupiter iO app on our phones and use it frequently...in fact, there have been times when we know a grade that [our son] has gotten on a test or assignment before he's even picked up from school. It has been such a wonderfully convenient way to stay informed," shared Jennifer Williams, a parent from La Mesa-Spring Valley School District.

Jupiter iO automatically creates a homework calendar for students and parents to see assignments and tests. Parents can send comments and ask questions about their student or offer feedback to

better assist the classroom.

Having a parent portal that is connected to the grade book, such as with Jupiter iO, is a great way for parents to easily see their student's progress, and where they may need more assistance.

"Jupiter iO has been a significant contributor to my son's success. Not only has it allowed us to stay up to date daily with his progress and assignments, but it has done that plus more for our son. He is also able to keep track of his own progress and deadlines, as well as communicate quickly and easily with teachers if he has a question or concern," continued Williams.

The student portal allows parents to login to check grades and homework, download files posted by the teacher, and view announcements and calendar notices. This helps parents keep their students on track to receive the most out of their education, while also having the ability to keep them informed of events such as parent-teacher conferences and PTA meetings.

In the parent/student portal, parents and students can login anytime to check their current grades and homework. Everyone has their own password, so grades are always private. Everything is updated live, so teachers never need to upload anything. Jupiter also makes it possible for teachers to send progress reports and other messages directly to parents through email and text messages. Parents also have the option to receive alerts when their student is absent, missing assignments, or has low grades. Teachers can also log good behavior, merit points, and other non-disciplinary issues.

To include Spanish speaking parents, Jupiter iO can translate report cards, comments, emails, and alerts into Spanish. Parent-teacher communication should be readily available for the advancement of each student's education, and Jupiter Ed does everything in its power to make that possible.

Jennifer Williams gives a detailed account of how Jupiter iO and parent-teacher communication helped with her son's academic success.

"This year our son had some struggles in math, not because he didn't understand the material but because he was struggling with staying organized. Since he wasn't struggling with the concepts themselves, the problem wasn't immediately apparent and without Jupiter iO we may not have been aware until it was too late to turn things around. Jupiter iO became a tool that all of us were using daily to monitor assignments and grades and to communicate with his teacher. It played a pivotal role in his turning things around and the best part has been the positive reinforcement when he sees the results of all of his hard work on Jupiter iO in real time!"

With Jupiter iO, teachers now have ready access to parent communication, so that the education of each student involves equal input from home, and from school. The more open the lines of communication are, the greater the chance a student has to succeed. Jupiter iO makes it easier than ever to keep parents in the loop when it comes to their child's education by improving school-to-home communications.



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