Colorado’s Promising Partnership Practices
Poudre School District

Parent Academy

Description/Summary
Parent Academy is an event focused on engaging parents through interactive and informational sessions that offer PSD parents skills and tools to support their students social, emotional and academic progress and success.

Topics
Financial Aid
How To Prepare For College
Cybersafety
Transitions: Pre K –K, 5th -6th Grade, 8th -9th Grade
Suicide Prevention
Marijuana In Colorado
Leadership
Socio-emotional
Stress Management
Math Home Support Strategies
Reading Home Support Strategies
Talking About Sexuality With Your Teen
Living Between Two Cultures

Parent Academy Video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-xlwMbBDQo&t=49s&disable_polymer=true

Connection to Outcomes
Surveys collected at the end of each session from Elementary, Middle and High school parents have a common thread. These parents indicate the workshops they attended offer immediate applicable information. Parents reported they will be better listeners, improve communication with their children and the school, speak positively about school and education in front of their children, help their children and themselves to have a positive mindset (growth mindset) and they understand the difference between the American and Mexican school systems which will help them to be an engaged parent in PSD.

Feedback Forums:
We held planning sessions for parents to come and give feedback about what topics they would like addressed at the next Parent Academy.

Community Partners:
We have a Community Resource Fair for the first hour of the morning. Parents register, get breakfast and browse the information at the tables. It is important to have community partners who can provide resources to parents.

Key Elements