

# Parent Involvement Committee - Online Resources for Parents

The following list is not meant to be exhaustive but does offer some online sources for information pertinent to parental involvement in schools.

This list will be updated frequently so check back often for new places to consult.

**Ministry of Education** – main site for all things having to do with the Ministry of Education.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca>

**abc123** - gives parents practical ideas on fun and everyday ways to help their children with reading, writing and math

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/>

**School Improvement Planning Handbook** – This site has a very detailed handbook, available for downloading, to address school improvement planning. It is essentially the work of the Education Improvement Commission of 2000. It is a practical document.

<http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/reports/sihande.pdf>

**Involving Parents in Schools** – This part of the Ministry website offers practical suggestions to school councils to center their efforts in increasing parental involvement in a productive manner.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/involement/>

**Ontario School Council Support Center** – this is a general interest site for members of school councils about education events and policies in Ontario. This is mainly the work of one person but it does seem well researched and updated frequently.

<http://schoolcouncils.net>

**Parent Voice in Education Project** – this is the Ministry of Education website to explain the practical aspects of the new policy concerning parental involvement in schools.

<http://www.parentvoiceineducation.org>

**Resource Guide to Online Help for Parents** – very comprehensive part of the Ministry website offering assistance to parents with questions about varied aspects of school life for students i.e. the Ontario Curriculum, EQAO testing, Interacting with schools, and, Helping your child learn, etc.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/links.html>

**Ontario Provincial Education Network** -- This is the area of the Ministry website where you can sign up for a newsletter that will inform you of upcoming events and initiatives pertinent to parents in education in Ontario. As well you can directly contact the Minister of Education from this address to express concerns and/or ask questions.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/tools/eduminister/eng/openlist/>

***Ontario School Advocate*** – a newspaper and organization promoting advocacy for parents in their involvement with schools and school systems.

<http://www.ontarioschooladvocate.ca>