

Factors associated with parents visiting the school less frequently

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The statements below are statistically associated with parents who visit their child's school less frequently. Items are from the National Household Education Surveys (United States Department of Education. National Center for Education Statistics, 2003) The Parent and Family Involvement in Education Survey. The sample included parents of 12,426 children and youth in kindergarten through 12th grade. Data were analyzed by Ivory A. Toldson, Ph.D., associate professor of counseling psychology at Howard University, and Brianna Lemmons, Ph.D. student in the Department of Social Work. at Howard University.

Check yes or no for the following statements: The parent...

Personal / Demographic Factors

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| 1. Speaks a language other than English at their home | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Is African American or Hispanic | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Has attained less than an Associates Degree (A.A.)* | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Earns less than \$25,000 per year | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Social and Environmental Factors

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| 5. Does not perceive their neighborhood as safe | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Has child who does not participate in extracurricular activities | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Lives in area where more than 5% of the population live below the poverty line | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Lives in an urban community | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

School-related Factors

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| 9. Estimates their child's grade average, as a C or less | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Rates their child's school work as "average," "below average" or "poor" | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Receives less communication from the school (newsletters, emails & phone calls) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Has a child who repeated a grade | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Does not expect their child to go to continue their education beyond high school | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Family Factors

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| 14. Has a child has general poor health, with mental and/or physical health problems | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Is a single mother or father | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. Is a nonparent guardian of the child | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Has children under the age of 6 in the home | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. Has 5 or more household members in the home | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Comments

*Note: For fathers only, those who completed vocational or technical training visit the school at levels comparable to those with college degrees or higher.

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