

Pointers For Parents

Free K-12 Education Report Now Available

(NAPSA)—The past 50 years have brought such landmark decisions as *Brown vs. Board of Education* and, more recently, the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB). Despite these changes in education, one thing has stayed the same—the more schools and families work together, the more successful students can become.

“A strong relationship among parents, school and the community makes a positive difference in a child’s education,” says Richard E. Bavaria, Ph.D., vice president of education for Sylvan Learning Center. “When parents and teachers work together, they support a child’s learning at school and at home, preparing the child for success in school and beyond.”

To help parents understand what recent changes in education mean for their children, Sylvan Learning Center has developed the free *K-12 Education Report* available at www.educate.com/K12. The articles, statistics and information in the report give parents an overview of the important trends and developments in education. This knowledge gives parents the power to influence their child’s education in a positive way. Articles include:

- “The Changing Face of Education” gives parents an overview of changes related to reading, writing and math curricula.

- “College Prep: Not Just for High Schoolers Anymore” provides insights on how parents can help their children stay on the right track for college, from the first day of kindergarten to their high school graduation.

- “Understanding Your Child’s Approach to Learning” offers



By keeping aware of what’s happening in education, parents can help their children achieve academic success.

expert advice on how children learn and tips for parents to identify their child’s learning style, whether a visual (seeing), auditory (hearing) or kinesthetic (doing) learner.

- “State of the Classroom” helps parents understand what’s happening in schools today regarding classroom technology, parental involvement, class size, discipline and the challenges teachers face.

- “Understanding Standardized Testing” gives information on why schools and students today are being assessed and evaluated more closely than ever and offers tips for parents on helping their children prepare for tests.

The report also includes a checklist for parents to put them on the right path for the year ahead. For a copy of the free *K-12 Education Report*, visit the Web site at www.educate.com/k12.