

Parents as Teachers

Why enroll in Parents as Teachers?

- You are your child's first teacher and your home is your child's first classroom.
- Your baby will learn more during the early years than any other time in life.
- Parents as Teachers is offered at no cost to all interested parents in the district
- Parents as Teachers can help you lay a strong foundation for your child's future success in school.

Benefits of Parents as Teachers:

A recent follow-up study indicates that the Parents as Teachers program produce's lasting benefits for children and families

- PAT children were significantly more advanced in language, problem solving and social development by age 3.
- PAT children were significantly higher test scores on reading and math standardized tests than did children not participating in the program.
- Parents stay more involved in their child's education, both at school and at home.
- Parents are more confident in their parenting skills and knowledge.

Program Services

(All services are provided FREE by Certified Parent Educators):

- **Personal Visits:** Richland Parent Educators, who are specially trained in child development, make personalized home visits.
- **Group Connections:** Group meetings provide a time to share child development as well as health, hearing and vision.
- **Referral Network:** PAT helps link families to other community services.

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