



Student Voice & Aspirations Webinars for Parents

The Quaglia Institute is offering parents the opportunity to learn about the concepts of voice and aspirations and consider what makes children feel valued for their unique skills and talents. Participants will explore strategies for helping children express their ideas, hopes, and concerns, as well as develop an understanding of how they can support their children's voices and aspirations at all ages.

Goals of Relationship Between Quaglia Institute and Parent Participants

- Understand how to help every child reach their fullest potential;
- Learn strategies to support voice and aspirations;
- Recognize the importance of children being responsible for how they use their voices; and
- Increase meaningful student voice in your family and at school.

Webinar #1: Introduction to Student Voice

What is student voice? Why does voice matter? Understanding the definition of voice is essential for implementing strategies that amplify student voice. In this session, parents will learn the definition of voice, explore the difference between noise and voice, and examine strategies that foster voice at home and in school. Most importantly, parents will learn that students have a responsibility to use their voices respectfully and in a way that makes a difference not only for themselves, but others.

Webinar #2: Understanding Aspirations

In schools, we often challenge our students to dream. Dream bigger! Yet simply dreaming is not enough. Aspirations is defined as the ability to dream and set goals for the future while being inspired in the present to reach those dreams. We will examine strategies for supporting students who are in a state of Hibernation, Imagination, Perspiration, and Aspiration, with the goal of helping all students achieve their aspirations. Parents will consider how to attain a healthy balance of dreaming and doing, and will learn how to help their children realize that they must use their voices to take action in order to achieve their aspirations—in the present and in the future.

Quaglia Institute Responsibilities

- Conduct two live customized webinars, each 90 minutes in length;
- Schedule webinars in consultation with school/district to be delivered throughout one academic year;
- Dedicate a senior member of the Quaglia Institute staff to lead each session;
- Supply 5 *Parent Voice* books to be distributed in parent resource centers at school's discretion; and
- Provide additional readings/resources for each session to enhance learning.

For more information, please contact the Quaglia Institute at info@QuagliaInstitute.org.