

Involving Parents into the Lesson Study: A Pilot Experiment at One Migrant Student School in Shanghai

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Reform of teaching and learning in China's classroom, and particularly parents' involvement in urban classroom, has attracted a great deal of attention in current educational research. This paper discusses results from a pilot intervention that explored the influence of parents' involvement in lesson study on children, parents, and teachers. The authors supported the development and implementation of parent-teacher synergic lesson study in Y Elementary School, a school for for migrant students in Shanghai. Interview data showed parents' and teachers' understandings of parents-teacher synergic lesson study, and beliefs about influence on children, and how these understandings and beliefs changed over time. Through this pilot study, we find parent involvement in lesson study has a positive impact on children's development, and parents and teachers also gain some improvement that is beneficial to urban children's success. We conclude this paper with recommendations to help policymakers, practitioners, and researchers further develop the parent-teacher synergic lesson study program.

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