5. Parental Involvement (Voydanoff & Donnelly, 1999)

Description: This scale measures how involved a parent or parents are in the lives of their children. Items ask whether or not parents have done things for their adolescent such as attend school events or talk to teachers during the past 3 months, 6 months, or year. You can select the appropriate period of time based upon your evaluation plan. The respondent simply checks off each item on the list that the parent has done during the selected time period.

Ages: 12-18 (Grades 7-12).

Reliability: Alpha for the scale was found to be .71.

Number of items: 9.

Scoring: The number of checked off items is summed for a total score. The more items checked, the more involved the parent has been during the selected period of time.

Permission: Not needed for this scale.

Administration: Instruct the respondents to check all items on the list that their parent or guardian has done in the last 3 months (6, months, or year). For younger respondents, give an indication of how far back this time frame goes by using a reference to an actual event, like the start of school, a holiday, or season. Explain to the respondent that parent means the person with whom they usually reside and who takes care of them. It does not have to be a birth parent.
How many of these things did your parent(s) or guardian(s) do during the past 3 months (Check all that apply)?

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<td>1</td>
<td>Talked to a teacher about my progress in school.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Attended a PTA or other school meeting.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Attended a school play, concert, sporting event, or other school activity.</td>
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<td>Helped with a special school project, school trip, or other school activity.</td>
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<td>Helped me with my homework.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Worked with a youth group, sports team or club.</td>
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<td>Led a Sunday school class or other religious program.</td>
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<td>Attended a class about parenting or raising a child.</td>
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