

ABOUT

Tap To Togetherness™



What is Parents as Teachers?

Parents as Teachers is an award-winning, early-childhood program that supports families and teaches parents how their children grow and learn. The USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden Parents as Teachers program is free and available to families who live in the school district. Parents as Teachers uses a research-based curriculum during home visits to pregnant mothers and families with children up to 3 years. A reduced program is available to qualifying children ages 3 to kindergarten entry.

Parents as Teachers provides families with:

- Monthly home visits with a certified parent educator.
- Developmental, social-emotional, hearing, vision and health screenings.
- Group Connections with other parents to share experiences and discussions.
- Playgroup four days a week, plus one evening and one Saturday a month in Manhattan.
- A weekly playgroup in Ogden.
- A Toy and Book Lending Library, where families can check out children's books, age-appropriate toys and parenting information.
- Special events and connections to community activities and resources.
- Monthly newsletters with notifications of upcoming events and relevant parenting topics.
- Our new program, Tap To Togetherness.

Tap dance sessions

Each 25-minute session is full of nonstop movement. Families work together to learn basic tap dance steps such as the Irish, Buffalo, Maxi Ford and Jump Shuffles. The sessions explore counting, rhythm making, and call and respond activities.

The School of Music, Theatre, and Dance

The School of Music, Theatre, and Dance is home to approximately 500 majors and minors. Additionally, more than 4,000 nonmajors representing every department and college at the university participate in K-State performing arts. The dance program is known nationally and internationally, teaching and performing across the country and in Taiwan, Spain and Ghana.

Undergraduate research experience

The Tap To Togetherness program offers an undergraduate research experience to participating K-State students. Students engage in the Manhattan, Kansas, community while working with young families, participating in research collection, developing grant-writing skills and contributing to published research.