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Abstract

Family upbringing remains one of the most critical determinants of child development, socialization, and value formation, despite profound transformations in sociocultural, economic, and technological contexts. Rooted in universal moral values—dignity, responsibility, empathy, and integrity—family pedagogy retains its core humanistic mission across historical periods and societal structures. This article provides a comprehensive, interdisciplinary analysis of the organization of educational and upbringing processes in modern families. Drawing on pedagogical theory, sociology of the family, legal studies, and developmental psychology, the paper examines the evolution of family typologies, contemporary parenting styles, demographic challenges, and shifting family roles. The study contextualizes the growing prevalence of small and single-child families, increasing parental workload, and the intensification of socio-economic stressors, which collectively influence the emotional climate and pedagogical functionality of the household. Special attention is given to the legal and normative frameworks—including national legislation and international instruments such as the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child—that regulate family responsibilities, protect child rights, and define state-family cooperation in upbringing. The article analyzes the role of the class teacher and school as partners in family education, emphasizing the importance of pedagogical support, parent engagement, and integrated “school-family-community” strategies. Additionally, the paper expands on modern challenges such as digitalization, declining teacher authority, intergenerational conflicts, and the increasing need for parental pedagogical literacy. The findings highlight that strengthening family pedagogy requires a balanced combination of democratic parenting practices, structured routines, emotional communication, cultural traditions, and evidence-based knowledge from medicine, psychology, and pedagogy. The article concludes by proposing an integrated model of family education that aligns traditional values with contemporary educational demands, ensuring children’s holistic development and psychological well-being in an era of rapid societal change.

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Methodology

This study employs a theoretical-analytical methodology, integrating data and perspectives from multiple academic disciplines to construct a comprehensive pedagogical model of modern family upbringing. The methodological framework includes:

1. Comparative Analysis
 - Examination of family upbringing approaches across different historical periods and socio-cultural systems
 - Comparison of Western and post-Soviet pedagogical traditions
2. Document and Policy Analysis
 - Review of national legislation on child protection and family responsibilities
 - Examination of international legal instruments (UNCRC, World Declaration on the Survival and Development of Children)
3. Conceptual and Theoretical Synthesis
 - Integration of theories from developmental psychology, sociology, family studies, and pedagogy
 - Classification of parenting styles, upbringing methods, and family typologies
4. Interpretive Analysis of Empirical Findings
 - Use of existing sociological surveys on parental workload, time spent with children, divorce rates, and intergenerational conflicts
 - Interpretation of contemporary demographic trends affecting family educational roles
5. Pedagogical Case Analysis
 - Review of real-world challenges encountered by class teachers
 - Evaluation of best practices in school-family collaboration

This multi-layered methodology allows for a holistic understanding of family education in contemporary societies and supports the proposal of evidence-based pedagogical recommendations.

1. Introduction

The theoretical and technological foundations of family education have undergone numerous interpretations; however, the essential concepts underpinning family upbringing have largely remained consistent. Across civilizations and across social formations, these concepts integrate universal moral values—truthfulness, honor, dignity, benevolence, empathy, industriousness, and gratitude. Traditionally, every society places significant emphasis on the upbringing of children within the family, where parents serve as the first behavioral models and moral authorities.

In the family, the educational process has neither a clear beginning nor an end. It proceeds continuously, shaped by cultural norms, intergenerational interaction, and the emotional environment. Children's perceptions of the world, interpersonal communication, and self-identity begin in the family and evolve throughout their childhood and adolescence.

2. Family Types in Contemporary Society

Modern families differ in size and structure. Based on the number of children, families may be classified as large (multi-child), small, single-child, or childless. By generational composition, families may be:

- Single-generation families (only spouses)
- Two-generation families (parents and children)
- Multi-generation families (parents, children, grandparents)

Families where only one parent is present—due to divorce, death, or single motherhood—are categorized as incomplete families.

From a sociological and pedagogical perspective, families are further classified by the nature of internal relationships:

- Ideal families (harmonious interaction, supportive environment)
- Average families
- Negative or conflict-prone families

Sociologists additionally identify families as harmonious, at-risk, disintegrating, broken, or incomplete. Practitioners often classify families simply as successful or unsuccessful in fulfilling their educational functions.

3. Legal and Normative Foundations of Family Education

Family upbringing is grounded in family law, reflected in national constitutions, marriage legislation, child-protection laws, and related normative acts. A key international instrument is the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989), which obligates states and parents to respect children's dignity, freedom, and developmental needs. The Convention establishes three core principles:

1. Mastery of the Convention's fundamental provisions
2. Awareness of the rights enshrined in the Convention
3. Implementation of these rights through concrete actions and institutional support

Additional global documents include:

- World Declaration on the Survival, Protection, and Development of Children (1990)
- World Plan of Action (1990)

These documents assert that the family bears the primary responsibility for ensuring a child's nutrition, safety, emotional well-being, and exposure to cultural values.

In Azerbaijan, these principles are institutionalized in the "Law on the Rights of the Child of the Republic of Azerbaijan", adopted on 19 May 1998 by national leader Heydar Aliyev.

4. The Family as a Pedagogical System

Sociologists view the family as a fundamental social organism—a micro-unit of society that forms the foundation of social reproduction and value continuity. Unlike industrial or political groups, the family is not subject to direct structural reorganization; instead, it undergoes gradual moral, psychological, and cultural transformation.

The process of personality formation begins within the family. A complete family does not emerge solely through marriage; rather, its formation is closely tied to the birth and upbringing of children. The family fulfills the crucial biological and social function of ensuring generational continuity (Grolnick, W. S. 2009).

Modern demographic research shows an increasing trend toward small and single-child families in many societies, including Azerbaijan. However, demographic projections indicate that maintaining population stability requires families to have at least three children. Reduced birth rates carry long-term social and economic consequences, affecting labor force sustainability, intergenerational support, and national development.

5. Goals and Functions of Family Education

The primary goal of family upbringing is to cultivate qualities that enable individuals to withstand life's challenges, overcome obstacles, and contribute meaningfully to society. The family plays a decisive role in shaping:

- Intellectual and creative abilities
- Emotional culture and self-regulation
- Moral consciousness
- Health and physical development

- Initial work habits and social responsibility

Empirical studies confirm that early childhood is the period during which family influence surpasses all other educational influences—schooling, media, peer interactions, literature, or art.

Teachers can often infer a child's family background simply through communication and observation. The emotional climate, behavioral norms, and value systems of parents are reflected—almost like a mirror—in the behavior and personality of the child (Pashayev, A., & Rustamov, F. 2018).

6. Family-State Relations in Ensuring Child Development

Given the critical role of the family, both the state and society must prioritize support for families, particularly in fulfilling their educational responsibilities. However, contemporary socio-economic challenges, including financial instability and shifting cultural norms, can hinder families from effectively performing their functions (Pashayev, A., & Rustamov, F. (2018).

Some scholars warn that industrialization and rapid modernization may negatively affect family cohesion and moral relations. Nonetheless, with proper policy interventions and professional pedagogical support, families can adapt to changing conditions and maintain their essential role.

7. Key Conclusions

Based on the above analysis, several conclusions can be drawn:

1. Family influence on the child is the strongest of all educational influences, especially in early childhood.
2. Certain qualities can be effectively formed only within the family, due to its emotional intimacy and continuity.
3. The family is the primary environment of socialization, shaping physical, ethical, and labor development.
4. The family ensures cultural and moral continuity, transmitting traditions across generations.
5. Upbringing of citizens, patriots, future family leaders, and law-abiding members of society is a major social function of the family.
6. Family environment significantly influences a child's educational trajectory and career choice.

8. Expanded Section: Need for Pedagogical Support in the Modern Family

In contemporary society, rapid technological development, digitalization, shifting work patterns, migration, and changes in gender roles have reshaped the structure and functions of the family. Parents often experience psychological, economic, and informational overload, which reduces their ability to provide stable pedagogical guidance.

International research emphasizes the importance of pedagogical support systems for families, including:

- parental education programs
- early childhood intervention services
- psychological counseling
- community-based family centers
- school-family cooperation strategies
- public awareness initiatives on child rights

Such support strengthens parents' competencies in communication, emotional regulation, conflict management, and value-based upbringing.

Final Statement

Family education remains one of the most essential and irreplaceable components of child development and social progress. Despite the challenges posed by modern societal changes, the family continues to serve as the foundational environment for nurturing moral values, shaping personality, and ensuring the continuity of cultural

and national traditions. Strengthening family pedagogy and expanding state-supported mechanisms for family education are imperative for sustainable social development (Comenius, J. A. (2012).

Most modern families devote the majority of their time and energy not to a child's moral development, but to ensuring the material well-being of the household. According to sociological studies, a working mother spends an average of 16 minutes per day on her child's upbringing during weekdays, and about 30 minutes on weekends. Meaningful parent-child communication is rare in many households; in numerous cases, parental involvement is limited to supervising school attendance and monitoring homework completion (Pashayev, A., & Rustamov, F. 2018).

1. Factors Negatively Affecting Family Upbringing

A number of conditions significantly undermine the quality of children's upbringing within the family. These include:

1. Economic hardship among working families

Many families struggle financially, compelling parents to devote nearly all their time to earning income. As a result, they have little opportunity for emotional engagement or educational involvement with their children.

2. Low level of cultural and social life

Double standards in society, constant social tension, uncertainty about the future, fear of losing employment, anxiety about illness, and similar stressors increase psychological strain among parents. This chronic stress negatively impacts the emotional climate of the family.

3. Double workload of women

Women often carry a "dual burden," working both outside the home and within it. Research shows that in urban families with children, a mother's total weekly workload reaches 77 hours, including 36 hours of domestic work. Her average daily workload (including weekends) is approximately 11 hours, leaving minimal personal or parenting time (Epstein, J. L., Sheldon, S. B., & Sanders, M. G. 2019).

4. Increasing rates of divorce

Divorce, driven by social, economic, and moral factors, consistently produces disruptions in child upbringing. Post-divorce family dynamics often create instability and emotional tension for children.

5. Growing intergenerational conflicts

These conflicts are becoming increasingly severe, sometimes escalating into serious psychological or even physical confrontations. Reports of violence within families are no longer uncommon.

6. Weakening of the family-school partnership

Neither general education schools nor emerging social institutions have yet developed effective mechanisms to support families in fulfilling their educational responsibilities.

2. Pedagogical Approaches to Overcoming the Family Crisis

Pedagogy offers limited new theoretical solutions, given that the effectiveness of upbringing is closely connected to broader social and economic conditions. Nonetheless, several critical directions remain essential:

- Humanizing family relationships
- Strengthening cooperation between families and social institutions
- Developing humanitarian support mechanisms for vulnerable families
- Promoting social trust, kindness, and moral resilience

Ultimately, much depends on the teacher, whose professional dedication and guidance can help families navigate the challenges of modern life.

3. Challenges in Teacher-Student-Parent Relations

In many cases, teachers' and students' views on significant life issues do not coincide. The declining social prestige of the teaching profession over the past decade is related not only to ineffective educational systems but

also to the quality of teacher preparation. Some teachers struggle to communicate effectively with students, relying excessively on “social pressure,” reprimands, or authoritarian approaches as their main communication style. Consequently, the modern school finds it increasingly difficult to fulfill its functions in an optimal manner.

As the world changes, pedagogy must adapt accordingly. Intergenerational conflicts will always exist, but new methods of resolving them must be developed. Teachers must guide parents in identifying constructive pathways for addressing these conflicts.

4. Nature of Parent–Child Relationships

Parent–child relations constitute a complex system largely shaped by the hidden nature of human emotions and interpersonal dynamics (Kukushin, V. S., & Boldyreva-Varaksina, A. V. 2005). Conflicts rarely arise spontaneously; rather, they accumulate gradually and manifest as:

- Emotional clashes
- Breakdown of communication
- Behavioral disturbances
- Misunderstandings and unmet expectations

In healthy families, relationships between parents and children are built on natural, everyday interactions grounded in deep emotional, moral, and intellectual connections. These interactions create a unified psychological environment, facilitated by parental affection and kinship bonds.

Despite considerable diversity among families, several typical relational models can be distinguished.

RELATIONAL MODELS IN FAMILY UPBRINGING

1. Loving and Supportive Families

These families recognize children’s interests, worries, and needs. Parents:

- Respect the child’s opinions and emotions
- Offer help when necessary
- Encourage curiosity and creativity
- Provide an emotionally secure atmosphere

Children raised in such environments tend to be:

- Emotionally stable
- Independent
- Responsible
- Compassionate
- Confident

Mutual trust, openness, honesty, and equality characterize the family environment.

2. Sensitive but Distant Families

These families show care and attention, yet maintain a certain emotional distance. Characteristics include:

- Stable and conflict-free relationships
- Clear boundaries between adults and children
- Respect for authority and established roles
- Polite and obedient children
- Limited independence or initiative

Although externally harmonious, these families may develop hidden emotional gaps, especially as children mature. These gaps may result from:

1. Inconsistency between expectations and parental behavior
2. Insufficient sensitivity or respect for the child's emerging personality

As children grow older, parents must increase—not decrease—their emotional attentiveness.

3. Materially-Oriented Families

These families prioritize economic security above all else. Children are taught from an early age to adopt a pragmatic view of life. Typical features include:

- Emphasis on academic success solely as a means of obtaining material benefits
- Suppression of children's intrinsic interests
- Encouragement of only "useful" or economically beneficial activities

Although parents may sincerely desire their children's well-being, the lack of moral and emotional foundations often leads to significant problems:

- Emotional isolation
- Reduced empathy
- Limited social experience
- Vulnerability to stress

Children still feel natural affection toward parents, but often experience loneliness and emotional hunger.

4. Hostile or Conflict-Driven Families

These families are characterized by:

- Lack of respect toward children
- Excessive control or punishment
- Distrust and emotional coldness

Children in such families often:

- Conceal their thoughts and feelings
- Develop hostility or indifference
- Experience difficulty forming healthy peer relationships
- Avoid school and social interactions
- Exhibit behavioral and emotional disorders

Adolescence intensifies these dynamics, and some children may run away from home or engage in risky behaviors.

Parents must carefully examine the motives behind their children's actions (Kukushin, V. S., & Boldyreva-Varaksina, A. V. (2005). In many cases, children believe they are right and simply feel misunderstood. Psychological barriers to communication include:

- Inadequate knowledge of each other
- Poor communication skills
- Different temperaments
- Conflicting interests

- Negative emotional states

5. Antisocial Families

Such households can hardly be considered “families” in the traditional sense. They function more like temporary shelters where:

- Children are neither wanted nor welcomed
- Parents live immoral or destructive lifestyles
- Frequent conflicts, threats, violence, alcoholism, and criminal behavior occur

Children from such families experience severe psychological trauma. Research indicates that about 30% of children from such environments become involved in antisocial or delinquent activities. In most cases, the state assumes guardianship over these children to protect their well-being (Kukushin, V. S., & Boldyreva-Varaksina, A. V. 2005).

9. Historical Shifts in Approaches to Family Upbringing

Attitudes toward child-rearing within the family have undergone significant changes over the last century. In Western contexts, especially in the United States, these shifting attitudes are sometimes summarized in a series of formulaic “instructions” that reflect the dominant educational mindset of each decade:

- 1910s – “Beat the children!”
- 1920s – “Restrict them in everything!”
- 1930s – “Ignore them!”
- 1940s – “Convince them!”
- 1950s – “Love them!”
- 1960s – “Beat them, but lovingly!”
- 1970s – “Let God deal with them!”
- 1980s – “Try to understand them!”

Although presented somewhat humorously, this list reflects real transformations: a gradual shift from harsh, authoritarian models toward more democratic, humanistic, and psychologically informed approaches. It also demonstrates the instability and search for balance in parenting models under conditions of rapid social, economic, and cultural change (Azarov, Yu. P. (2011).

Child upbringing is one of the most complex spheres of human activity. Many parents begin this crucial task without a clear pedagogical understanding of what they intend to achieve and which methods they should use. As a result, the outcomes often do not meet expectations: children seek other environments—peers, digital media, subcultures—where they construct their own systems of values and relationships (Azarov, Yu. P. (2011).

10. Aims and Content of Family Education in a Democratic Society

In a democratic society, the content of family upbringing is determined by its overarching social aim:

To raise a physically and mentally healthy, morally responsible, intellectually developed individual who is prepared for future work, civic engagement, and family life.

Accordingly, the content of family education includes several interrelated components:

- Physical education – promoting health, hygiene, resilience, and motor development
- Moral (ethical) education – shaping values, conscience, empathy, responsibility, respect
- Intellectual education – developing thinking, curiosity, learning skills, and cognitive independence
- Aesthetic education – cultivating taste, appreciation of art and beauty, emotional refinement
- Work (labor) education – introducing children to meaningful work, effort, and responsibility

To these classical components we must now add:

- Economic education – understanding money, resources, and responsible consumption
- Environmental education – attitudes toward nature and sustainable living
- Political and civic education – knowledge of rights, duties, institutions, and social participation
- Sex education – correct knowledge about the body, relationships, and responsibility

Every parent is pleased to hear phrases such as: “Your children are very well-behaved,” or “Your children are so polite and cultured.” Most parents hope that their children will engage in sports, arts, self-education, and productive activities rather than idleness. Achieving this, however, requires consistent effort and conscious pedagogical work (Pashayev, A., & Rustamov, F. (2018).

For parents, family upbringing should be understood as a deliberate process of forming both the physical and moral qualities of the child. Every mother and father ought to clearly envision which traits they wish to foster. The conscious character of family education is determined precisely by this clarity of purpose (Pashayev, A., & Rustamov, F. (2018).

11. Parenting Styles in Modern Family Education

In pedagogy, family upbringing is interpreted as a system of managing parent–child relations. These relations are never neutral; they always bear an educational impact, whether intended or not. Within contemporary practice, researchers usually distinguish three primary parenting styles:

11.1. Authoritarian Style

The authoritarian style is characterized by:

- High demands and strict discipline
- A rigid, one-sided communication pattern
- Frequent use of threats, restrictions, coercion, and punishment

Psychologically, this style often leads to:

- Fear, insecurity, and helplessness in children
- Inner resistance and protest
- Compensation through rudeness, deceit, duplicity, or aggression
- Alternatively, passivity, apathy, and low initiative

Parental demands may generate either rebellion and hostility or learned helplessness and dependence—both of which are problematic from the standpoint of healthy personality development (Najaf, A. & Najafov, R. 2025).

11.2. Democratic Style

The democratic style is marked by:

- Flexibility in communication
- Respect for the child’s opinions and feelings
- Encouragement of independent judgment and decision-making
- Dialogue and negotiation rather than blind obedience

As a result, children growing up in democratic families:

- Understand their parents better
- Develop responsibility, initiative, and self-respect
- Learn to be cooperative, fair, and socially aware

- See in their parents examples of citizenship, diligence, and moral integrity (Vygotsky, L. S. 1978)

This style optimally combines guidance and freedom, promoting both socialization and autonomy.

11.3. Permissive (Negligent/Overindulgent) Style

The permissive or negligent style is characterized by:

- Excessive tolerance and indulgence
- Lack of clear boundaries or requirements
- A tendency to “forgive everything” and avoid conflict

Frequently based on exaggerated affection or guilt, this style can lead to:

- Lack of discipline and self-control
- Low frustration tolerance
- Weak sense of responsibility
- Difficulties in adapting to social rules and expectations

In this case, children may feel loved, but they do not acquire the internal structure necessary for successful participation in society.

12. Methods and Means of Family Education

In essence, methods of family upbringing do not differ fundamentally from general educational methods. However, they are deeply personalized and intertwined with the parents' own personality:

As many parents as there are, there are that many variations of methods (Hoover-Dempsey, K. V., & Sandler, H. M. 1997).

Some parents rely on gentle persuasion, explanation, and suggestion, whereas others resort to yelling, threats, or physical punishment. Where relationships are warm and close, encouragement tends to be the main method. Where they are cold and distant, severity and control dominate.

Commonly used methods in family education include:

- Explanation and clarification
- Suggestion and moral influence
- Advice and guidance
- Personal example (role modeling)
- Encouragement – praise, gifts, privileges, meaningful prospects
- Punishment – withdrawal of privileges, restriction of enjoyment, and, unfortunately, sometimes corporal punishment

The means of implementing these methods are diverse:

- Spoken word and conversation
- Folklore (stories, proverbs, legends)
- Parental authority and reputation
- Participation in household and work activities
- Contact with nature
- Family traditions and rituals
- Cultural and religious customs

- Public opinion and moral climate in the family
- Newspapers, books, radio, television, the internet
- Daily routines and schedules
- Literature, museums, exhibitions
- Games and toys
- Physical education and sports
- Holidays, symbols, and attributes (flags, emblems, ceremonies)

For the effective selection and application of methods, several general conditions must be met:

1. Knowledge of the child – parents must understand their child’s strengths, weaknesses, temperament, and needs.
2. Personal experience and authority – parents educate not only through words but through their own behavior; those who emphasize personal example often rely on visual and imitative methods.
3. Preference for joint activity – families that value shared experiences (working together, watching television together, going for walks, visiting cultural events) naturally create opportunities for communication, which help parents better understand their children.
4. Pedagogical culture of the parents – the level of pedagogical knowledge and culture largely determines how appropriately parents choose methods, techniques, and forms of education.

13. Pedagogical Support to the Family: School–Family–Community Partnership

School and family share the leading role in the implementation of social education. To ensure effective cooperation, schools organize their work through various institutional and organizational forms, including:

1. Coordination of educational plans among:
 - the school’s teaching staff
 - parent committees and councils
 - community boards
 - clubs, libraries, sports facilities
 - police and health services

Each institution’s functions in the educational process are clearly defined and distributed.

2. Systematic education of parents and community members in effective methods of working with children.
3. Monitoring and joint analysis of the progress and outcomes of education, identifying shortcomings and organizing joint measures to eliminate them.

Parent associations may take various forms:

- parent committees
- councils
- associations and unions
- boards and commissions
- clubs and support societies

Each operates according to its charter or regulations, which specify its main directions of activity and the rights and responsibilities of participants. In some regions, integrated “school–family complexes” have been created, in which parents are granted the right to participate in:

- selection of subjects and curricula

- determination of academic load
- decisions on the profile and type of school
- drafting of school rules and regulations
- the system of encouragement and disciplinary measures
- organization of students' work, leisure, nutrition, and healthcare

In well-organized partnerships, school and family become true co-educators, each fulfilling specific tasks while contributing to a unified educational environment.

One of the main tasks of parent associations is the dissemination of pedagogical knowledge. For this purpose, schools organize:

- lecture cycles
- “parent universities”
- round tables
- conferences and seminars
- “parent schools”
- ongoing and one-time forms of pedagogical enlightenment

The ultimate goal is to help parents:

- deepen their understanding of child development
- master humane and cooperative interaction styles
- learn the practical foundations of effective family upbringing

14. Contemporary Requirements for Family Education

Modern family pedagogy is based on several key principles:

1. Freedom for the child's abilities to develop – providing conditions in which the child can fully discover and realize their talents.
2. Recognition of the child as a value in themselves – perceiving the child not as a “future adult” only, but as a person with inherent dignity here and now.
3. Democratic moral relations between adults and children – mutual respect, dialogue, and shared responsibility.
4. Civic principle – helping the child develop an understanding of their “self” within the public and state system, forming a sense of belonging and responsibility.
5. Use of national educational traditions – drawing on the cultural and moral heritage of the people as a rich resource for upbringing.
6. Priority of universal moral norms and values – kindness, justice, honesty, respect for human dignity, tolerance, and solidarity.

These principles form the ideological and moral foundation of modern family education. Only by combining national traditions with universal human values, and by aligning family, school, and society, can we raise a generation capable of building a humane, just, and sustainable future.

15. The Class Teacher's Cooperation with the Family

Establishing real and effective contact with families is largely the responsibility of the class teacher. The class teacher organizes this work through:

- the class parent committee,

- parent meetings, and
- cooperation with subject teachers working with the same class.

A central component of the class teacher's practical work with families is the regular home visit. During such visits, the teacher:

- becomes acquainted with the child's living conditions,
- coordinates joint educational measures with the parents,
- aligns school and family expectations, and
- provides pedagogical advice and guidance to the family.

At parent lecture series (parent lektoriums), it is useful to present talks on:

- the aims, forms, and methods of family upbringing,
- the physiological and psychological characteristics of children at a given age,
- specific directions of education: moral, physical, labor, intellectual, economic, environmental, legal, and others.

Such sessions enrich parents' pedagogical literacy and help unify school and family influences.

16. Parent Meetings: Content and Ethical Requirements

At general parent meetings, it is important not only to inform parents about:

- student attendance,
- academic performance,
- cases of disciplinary issues or academic underachievement,

but also to:

- analyze the underlying causes,
- discuss ways of eliminating negative phenomena,
- and agree on concrete joint measures.

Parent meetings must never be turned into sessions of moralizing, scolding, or public shaming. It is unacceptable to humiliate a student or their family in front of others. The teacher should not assume the role of a judge who pronounces final verdicts.

A humane teacher does not have the moral right to harshly condemn or label students (Maccoby, E. E., & Martin, J. A. 1983). They understand how complex and contradictory the causes of a child's behavior can be. Therefore, in difficult situations the class teacher should demonstrate:

- patience,
- compassion,
- empathy, and
- a protective, supportive attitude toward their pupils.

The teacher's advice to parents should be:

- gentle in tone,
- carefully considered,
- benevolent and constructive.

At the same time, a crucial topic for regular discussion at parent meetings is the unity of requirements between school and family. Differences in approaches are openly discussed, and ways are sought to reduce contradictions and harmonize expectations (Berk, L. E. 2021).

17. Individual Communication with Parents

Inviting parents to school for individual conversations is one of the traditional forms of the class teacher's work. Schools oriented toward humanism invite parents not only in cases of difficulty, but also to:

- inform them of their child's achievements, and
- jointly plan the further development of the child's abilities and talents.

In contrast, in more authoritarian school environments, parents are often called only when they are dissatisfied with the child's studies or behavior. Research shows that such one-sided, problem-based communication:

- provokes negative emotions in parents,
- creates defensive reactions,
- and can alienate both parents and children from the school.

In many schools, a new approach has been introduced: every parent is encouraged to visit the school regularly, for example once a week or once a month, on a designated day. Under these conditions:

- parents perceive remarks and suggestions more calmly,
- criticism does not evoke sharp resentment,
- and the school helps parents to systematically engage in their child's upbringing.

The class teacher may have to meet 4–5 parents a day, and such meetings, when conducted professionally, can be highly effective. The very fact that parents visit the school has a motivational effect on students, reinforcing their sense of responsibility (González-Mena, J. 2009).

18. Home Visits: Pedagogical Rules

When visiting students' homes, the class teacher studies not only the material living conditions, but also the organization and character of family upbringing. It is essential to follow certain rules during such visits:

1. Do not visit uninvited. If you have not been explicitly invited, try first to obtain a request or consent from the parents for a visit.
2. Show pedagogical tact. Begin the conversation with praise or positive comments, emphasizing the child's strengths.
3. Do not complain about the child. Speak about problems, but focus on their causes and possible solutions rather than blame.
4. Include the child in the conversation, except in rare cases where a separate confidential meeting is truly necessary.
5. Do not express irritation or dissatisfaction with the parents themselves; avoid unrealistic demands.
6. Emphasize that you are concerned about the child's future, and that your purpose is to help, not to judge.
7. Ensure that your recommendations are not intrusive; they should be realistic and take into account the family's actual possibilities and limitations.
8. Propose joint projects and activities—shared reading, cultural visits, homework support—and agree on concrete steps.
9. Avoid making unfounded promises. In complex situations, remain calm and cautious in expressing optimism.

Unfortunately, unprofessional work with parents can quickly undermine the authority of both the teacher and the school. Conversely, when parents see that the class teacher is truly concerned about the fate and well-being of their children, they are more willing to cooperate.

19. Two Fundamental Principles of Family Upbringing

Parents should understand that an effective family education system rests on two core principles:

1. Personal example of the parents – children imitate not what adults say, but what they actually do.
2. Creation of appropriate conditions in the family – a healthy moral and psychological climate, a structured daily routine, and opportunities for the child's development.

Without these two pillars, even the best advice and methods remain ineffective (Bronfenbrenner, U., & Morris, P. A. 2006).

20. Modern Themes for Parent Meetings

The constantly changing conditions of life require that the agenda of parent meetings include new, non-standard topics, for example:

- “Do you know how to love your child?”
- “Do you really know your child?”
- “A day in the life of a child in the family”
- “Family celebrations and leisure: their organization and educational potential”
- “Music in the family: benefit and possible harm”

At the first parent meeting of the school year, it is useful to present the planned list of topics for upcoming sessions. This helps parents understand:

- what volume of pedagogical, psychological, socio-economic, medical, and ecological knowledge they will receive,
- and how they can apply this knowledge in everyday family life.

Speakers may include:

- teachers,
- the school principal and deputy principals,
- the school psychologist,
- school doctor or nurse,
- and, where possible, invited specialists.

One important condition for the success of parent meetings and lecture series is the clear scheduling of these events. The schedule should be communicated at the very first meeting and followed consistently—e.g., once per month or once per quarter on the same day and at the same time.

If a parent is unable to attend due to illness or work obligations, the school can send them:

- a copy of the lecture text,
- or a summary of key theses.

The overarching goal is to ensure that every parent acquires at least a minimum level of pedagogical knowledge necessary for effective family upbringing. Ideally, both father and mother attend these meetings together: shared listening encourages joint reflection and helps them approach the child's upbringing from a unified position.

Dimension	Subcomponents / Categories	Description	Implications for Upbringing	Role of School / Class Teacher
Theoretical Foundations of Family Pedagogy	Universal moral values; Humanistic education; Sociocultural traditions; Legal frameworks	Historical, philosophical, and legal bases of family upbringing	Shapes moral maturity and identity	Reinforce values; support families

Family Structures and Typologies	Nuclear; Extended; Single-parent; Multigenerational; Harmonious/conflictual families	Sociological classification of family types	Influences emotional security and socialization	Assess family background; adapt approaches
Parental Workload and Sociocultural Stressors	Economic burden; Dual workload; Stress; Divorce	Socioeconomic pressures affecting family	Weak emotional communication; behavioral risks	Provide support and engagement strategies
Parenting Styles	Authoritarian; Democratic; Permissive	Different modes of parental control and warmth	Shapes autonomy, discipline, resilience	Guide parents toward effective styles
Components of Family Upbringing	Physical; Moral; Intellectual; Aesthetic; Labor; Economic; Ecological; Legal; Civic; Sexual education	Multidimensional educational structure	Ensures holistic development	Integrate with school curricula

Table 1.

Conceptual Framework of Educational and Upbringing Processes in the Modern Family

21. Daily Regime, Sleep, and Morning Routine: Pedagogical and Medical Aspects

In most families, waking up in the morning is regulated by an alarm clock. Parents should receive scientifically grounded recommendations on this matter.

Researchers note that the alarm clock represents a type of stress factor for the body. Therefore, it is not advisable to intentionally create stress every morning. Ideally, the biological clock should regulate waking; if a person goes to bed at a consistent time, the organism learns to wake up independently at the required hour.

For this to occur, children must:

- go to bed at an appropriate time,
- receive the amount of sleep their age requires.

Doctors emphasize that chronic sleep deprivation leads to undesirable biochemical changes in the body. In children, these changes manifest as:

- lethargy and drowsiness,
- irritability and tearfulness,
- weakened attention and memory,
- slowed reactions,
- reduced capacity for learning and self-control.

A child who does not sleep enough may prepare homework at an “excellent” level at home, but in class:

- answers more weakly,
- assimilates new material poorly,
- reacts inadequately to the teacher’s remarks or peers’ behavior.

These are direct manifestations of a non-normal functional state caused by lack of sleep. Long-term consequences are even more serious: such children grow more weakly, become ill more often, and have less resistance to infections.

Parents need to be informed that, in order to organize their child's life and upbringing correctly, they should master at least the basic principles of:

- medicine and hygiene,
- psychology,
- pedagogy,
- and related sciences.

When waking children, it is advisable to use kind words and gentle gestures—to greet them warmly, touch them affectionately, perhaps give them a kiss. The child's mood throughout the day depends to a great extent on how they were awakened.

22. The Importance of Breakfast and Health-Preserving Habits

A proper breakfast is extremely important for children's health. Leaving home on an empty stomach is harmful. Parents should be informed, with reference to physiology and medicine, that:

- after waking, all the body's organs, including the pancreas, begin active work;
- the pancreatic juice secreted into an empty stomach irritates its walls and may lead to disease.

Children must eat before going to school. Additionally, in winter there is another condition:

- after eating hot food, one should wait about 10 minutes before going outside,
- this allows the throat to cool gradually; otherwise the risk of tonsillitis (angina) increases.

Simple everyday habits thus become part of a health-preserving educational strategy in the family.

23. Emotional Culture in the Family: Greetings, Affection, and Atmosphere

It is useful to cultivate the tradition that:

- when leaving home, family members say goodbye to each other,
- when returning, they greet each other and, if culturally appropriate, exchange a kiss or embrace.

From a physiological point of view, a kiss is associated with positive emotions. Throughout life, it can serve as a natural expression of:

- love,
- joy,
- respect,
- mutual attachment.

The most important task is to organize family life so that:

- rude tones and aggressive intonations are avoided,
- an atmosphere of joy, love, and mutual respect predominates.

Where a healthy lifestyle is established in the family—ordered daily routine, proper sleep and nutrition, emotional warmth—the physical and moral upbringing of the child is ensured in a comprehensive way, and a stable psychological state is formed.

Conclusion

Family education remains the foundational sphere of human development, shaping the physical well-being, emotional resilience, moral consciousness, intellectual capacity, and social identity of the growing generation. Despite profound transformations in the sociocultural landscape—including economic pressures, digital globalization, evolving gender roles, and changing family structures—the family continues to serve as the primary micro-environment where values are transmitted, identities are formed, and interpersonal competencies are

cultivated. The findings of this study demonstrate that the success of family upbringing depends not only on parental attitudes and behaviors but also on broader social factors such as legislation, socio-economic conditions, cultural norms, and the quality of institutional support provided by schools and community organizations.

The analysis reveals that modern families face a number of interrelated challenges: reduced parental time due to increased economic workload, rising divorce rates, weakened family-school partnerships, intergenerational conflicts, and declining pedagogical literacy. These challenges complicate the implementation of effective upbringing practices and intensify the need for systematic pedagogical assistance. The research emphasizes that family education must be grounded in a combination of universal humanistic values—love, respect, responsibility, kindness—and evidence-based knowledge from psychology, medicine, and pedagogy.

A key outcome of this study is the recognition that parenting styles significantly influence children's emotional security and behavioral development. Authoritarian, democratic, and permissive styles each lead to distinct educational trajectories, affecting autonomy, initiative, self-regulation, and social competence. Among these, the democratic style—characterized by dialogic communication, respect for the child's individuality, and balanced guidance—emerges as the most conducive to holistic development. Yet, regardless of style, the personal example of parents remains the most powerful pedagogical tool, underscoring the need for adults to cultivate self-discipline, moral coherence, and emotional intelligence in their daily lives.

The article also underscores the central role of the class teacher as the bridge between school and family. Effective collaboration can only be achieved through mutual trust, respect, and shared responsibility. Parent meetings, home visits, pedagogical seminars, and regular communication must be implemented not as administrative obligations but as dynamic, humanistic practices aimed at unifying school and family requirements. When cooperation is structured, consistent, and culturally sensitive, it enhances children's academic achievement, emotional stability, and social adaptation.

Moreover, the study highlights that contemporary family pedagogy must integrate new topics and competencies relevant to 21st-century life, such as digital literacy, health management, environmental responsibility, civic consciousness, and emotional communication. Parents should be supported in learning these competencies through accessible educational programs, parent universities, school-based seminars, and interdisciplinary guidance. In turn, schools should adopt a more flexible, family-centered approach, recognizing that educational success is inseparable from the psychosocial climate of the home.

Ultimately, strengthening family education requires a holistic and systemic approach that combines family traditions with modern scientific knowledge and aligns parental practices with institutional and societal expectations. The family, school, and community must function as a unified pedagogical ecosystem, guided by shared values and supported by a robust legal and social framework. Only such an integrative model can ensure the formation of morally grounded, intellectually capable, emotionally balanced, and socially responsible individuals—citizens prepared to contribute constructively to the rapidly changing world.

In conclusion, the organization of upbringing processes in the modern family is both a deeply personal endeavor and a collective social responsibility. Future research should continue exploring interdisciplinary pathways, develop innovative parenting resources, and examine the impact of digital media, globalization, and changing labor dynamics on family pedagogy. Through sustained collaboration among families, educators, policymakers, and researchers, it is possible to build a transformative educational culture that supports children's full development and strengthens the moral and social fabric of society.

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