

Helping your child succeed in school

Watch carefully and ask your student about the things he/she has done well at school. When you see an area that needs improvement, find a positive way to talk about it with your child.

Help your child by encouraging him to do better at home and at school. Remember, "personal best" does not mean "perfect", and learning is not the same as high grades. Children as well as adults, need the freedom to make mistakes and learn from them.

Make learning a priority. Your attitude about school attendance, education and involvement in the school makes a strong and lasting impression on your child. Teach your student, giving a good example, that learning is a priority.

- Talk about school every day.
- Ask to see the work done in school.
- Have your child read aloud.
- Read with your child different materials in their first language.
- Encourage your child to discuss new ideas and opinions.
- Show interest in their school work.
- Show appreciation for good effort.

Offer suggestions for success. Help your child use the following strategies to improve performance in school:

- Read the textbook when assignments are given.
- Keep a list of new vocabulary.
- Correct the assignments before turning in your work
- Review notes before a test.

Take time to study. Have an area for homework away from noise and distractions. Keep a calendar in which you write projects, after school activities, test dates and standardized tests.

Support school attendance. Some absences are unavoidable, but taking students from school unnecessarily is disruptive to learning.

Help them set goals. At the beginning of each semester, help your child to get three or four goals. Put your goals where you can see them often. (The refrigerator is a great place.) Make sure the goals are specific.

Get involved in school. Attend school activities, such as when they have open house, meeting / training for parents and PAC meetings. When your child sees them involved in school, they also see education as a priority. At meetings, usually interpreters are available.

Make direct contact with the school. Try to make positive contact from the beginning with your child's teachers. We encourage parents to visit or phone call to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

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