

How Can Parents Promote Student Success?

Parents play a key role in ensuring that their child or adolescent achieves school success. When parents, students and staff work together, the student will obtain their academic goals. Some of the actions that parents can take to promote school success are:

- communicate with school staff to be aware of homework assignments
- review your child's homework
- encourage child to be friends with positive role models
- try to do something enjoyable with your child at least once a week
- set clear expectations for students about homework
- get acquainted with your child's teachers
- monitor where your child goes / information keeps your child out of trouble
- communicate with school staff when there is a concern with the school
- attend school functions such as conferences, programs and athletic events
- encourage students to participate in school-related after-school activities
- consistently enforce household rules
- set aside a time when the whole family reads
- encourage students to talk about school, social activities and their interests
- teach standards of right and wrong and demonstrate these standards
- provide a quiet place where your child can study
- support school discipline policies
- talk to your child about tobacco, drugs, alcohol, gangs, violence, and bullying
- monitor your child's choices of TV programs, video games and music

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