
Keys to Academic Success *The Parent's Role*

At School

1. Schedule conferences with your child's academic subject teachers at the beginning of the year. Don't wait until problems crop up to meet with them.
2. Ask each teacher about grading criteria.
3. Inform teachers of your expectations for your child's performance.
4. Ask teachers to contact you if performance falls below your expectations.
5. Meet with your child's guidance counselor to schedule classes and discuss high school (and/or college) preparation activities.
6. Believe in your child and support him/her when school problems arise.

At Home

1. Set high academic standards for your child and hold your child to the standards you set.
2. Help your child balance academics, sports, extra-curricular, and social activities.
3. Work with your child to develop a study schedule and monitor his/her adherence to the schedule.
4. Make sure your child keeps a written record of test and major assignment grades in each class.
5. Encourage your child to enroll in study groups or tutoring sessions.
6. Offer to help your child with homework assignments and reviewing for tests.
7. Encourage your child to read something daily that is not required for school.
8. Support your child's college aspirations even if you feel you can't afford college costs.
9. Visit college campuses when you travel. Make a special effort to visit colleges your child is interested in.
10. Communicate with school counselors, teachers, and administrators to help you resolve school problems.