

# Helping Your Student Succeed Academically

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## 1. Develop an environment that supports learning.

- Read
- Model a positive attitude and desire for learning. Show them that learning is a life-long process by continuing to learn yourself.
- Provide educational activities that broaden your student's interests while away from school.
- Help them establish good study habits by providing a good location and schedule for them to study.
- Make sure students get plenty of rest and eat well to encourage a healthy, active mind. Make sure they eat breakfast.
- Help students differentiate between homework and studying.

## 2. Create expectations for students.

- Develop fair, yet challenging, expectations of your student.
- Don't create an atmosphere that fears failure. Great lessons can be learned from failure. Only insist upon doing the best they can.
- If students don't meet expectations, use a system of consequences to encourage change from negative behaviors.

## 3. Help your student set goals.

- Expect progress toward their goals.
- Monitor and help them stay aware of their progress toward their goals.
- Reward achievement or improvement with honest praise.
- Try not to show discouragement if they don't do as well as you would like.

## 4. Stay up to date with their academic performance.

- Maintain two- way communication with your child.
- Regularly view academic progress.
- Discuss assignments and teacher feedback with your child. Find out why they made mistakes and help them make changes.

## 5. Work with your school.

- Display a positive attitude toward the school.
- Make sure they are in attendance at school regularly.
- Familiarize yourself with the teachers, homework policies, and rules in your student's classes.
- Initiate regular communication with your student's teachers, especially if your student has difficulties with assignments, concepts, and directions.
- Guide or assist in homework when unusually difficulties arise. Never do homework for the student.