

Parent Involvement = Student Success

***How to help your child succeed in
school and in life***

Why Get Involved?

- Higher grades and test scores
- Better attitudes and behavior
- Better school attendance
- More homework completed
- Greater likelihood of graduating from high school
- Better chance of enrolling in postsecondary education

How Do I Get Involved?

- Speak positively about your child's teachers and counselors.
- Talk about the benefits of education.
- Make sure your child gets to school on time.
- Attend open houses and parent-teacher conferences.
- Answer notes and calls from your child's teacher.

What Can I Do at Home?

- **Make sure your child:**

- arrives at school well-rested.

- has a good breakfast before school.

- has a regular time and a quiet place to do homework.

What Can I Do at Home?

- Ask your child what he or she has learned in school each day.
- Limit his or her television, computer and video game time.
- Praise and encourage your child.
- Celebrate your child's successes.

What Can I Do at School?

- Attend open houses and back-to-school nights.
- Attend school programs.
- Join the parent-teacher association.
- Take part in after-school events.
- Get to know your child's teachers.
- Support your child in school activities.

What if I can't spend time at school?

- Offer to call other parents to notify them of school events.
- Help edit the school newsletter.

What About the Teenage Years?

- Keep the lines of communication open.
- Set fair and consistent rules with your teenager's input.
- Support his or her future and continue to show that education is important.
- Set a good example through your own involvement in school and community.
- Continue to make time for family activities.

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