

Top 10 Ways to Help your Child Succeed Academically

1. Communicate with your child's teacher or counselor/dean to ask any questions or discuss any concerns you may have about your child. You can call or use email to ask a question or share a concern. You can access available email addresses for staff at the district's web site.
2. Encourage your child to use their assignment notebook. Offer a reward or consequence to encourage daily use.
3. Use family access to check assignments, tests and projects. This is our online tool to help parents keep track of what assignments their child has and what their current grade is in a class. This is updated every two weeks.
4. Set up with your child structured study times at home. It is recommended that students spend 1-2 hours of homework each night. If your student does not have homework, this time could be used for reading or quiet activities. Once their homework is done, make sure they pack it up in their folder or backpack and put it by the door for the next morning.
5. Help your child become more organized. Role model for them what a good organization system looks like. Encourage your child to have a separate folder for each class. Each night (to start with and hopefully later they can do it on their own) sit with them and look through each folder/trapper to make sure each subject is separate and organized.
6. Help your child use the "month at a glance" calendar in the assignment notebook to keep track of long term projects and tests. To prevent procrastination, have your child schedule work or study time several days before a due date or a test.
7. Schedule a time before or after school to meet with teachers, if your child needs extra help. Most teachers are available either before or after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.
8. If your child is struggling to write down accurate and/or complete information in their assignment notebook, you could require your child to obtain each teacher's initials in the assignment notebook to verify the information is correct.
9. If your child keeps saying they don't have homework, ask to see the work they have and make sure it is complete. Most students have at least some homework every night. If they say they left their homework at school, drive them back up to school and go to their locker to get it. School is usually open until 8 pm.
- 10. Praise them for any and all successes, no matter how small!!!**