

Parent Tips for Staying Involved in Your Child's High School Years

Parent Involvement during the high school years includes assisting with academic decisions, learning about social and academic opportunities, as well as finding out where to go when help is needed. The greatest achievement outcomes are realized when parents provide their high school children with the following types of guidance:

- Assist your child with homework, course selection, and test preparation
- Know what classes your child is taking and what is being learned
- Make an appointment to meet with the school counselor for assistance in selecting the best academic course for your child
- Healthy communication regarding academic expectations in high school and beyond
- Help your child identify their goals and explore dreams, connecting them with academic requirements and post-high school education and training
- Providing support and structure, while instilling responsibility
- Monitor student progress; using all resources such as progress reports, report cards, on-line grade updates, personal communication with teachers by email, phone calls, conferences
- Get or stay involved with the PTA/PTO or other parent organization
- Get to know your child's teachers, counselor, principal, and office staff
- Serve on school committees or volunteer in school events
- Frequently visit school's website, read newsletters, and all other forms of communication from the school
- Visit the high school career center for an abundance of information on colleges, vocational training, scholarships, financial aid and more
- Regularly attend and support school programs and activities
- Be familiar with state educational mandates & testing
- Work with your child to set goals each school year
- Be informed about graduation requirements and college-bound plans
- If you need help navigating the school systems, procedures, or understanding requirements or "school lingo," ask for help

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