

INCREASING STUDENT SUCCESS

QUESTION: What can I do to help prepare my child for greater school success?

ANSWER: Parents play an important role in preparing a child for success. This role is ongoing and constantly changing, but always centers around time, support, and encouragement. The following tips are designed to remind parents of the basics of helping children succeed.

- * Talk with your child. Show an interest in daily activities.
- * Listen to your child. Be available to discuss problems.
- * Read to your child or have him/her read to you.
- * Teach your child responsibility. Responsibility increases respect for objects and people.
- * Encourage new friendships and social interaction.
- * Encourage new activities and a variety of experiences.
- * Build your child's confidence through the use of praise.
- * Establish a good balance of work, play, and study.
- * Spend time with your child on a one-to-one basis.
- * Be involved with your child's school.
- * Discipline consistently and fairly.
- * Limit T.V. time and choose shows selectively.
- * Demonstrate love and affection.
- * Encourage your child to challenge himself/herself.
- * Do not compare your child with other children.
- * Teach your child that failure and mistakes are part of the learning process.
- * Respect your child's individuality.
- * Build on a child's strengths.
- * Make sure expectations are realistic for the age and abilities of your child.
- * Help your child set personal goals.
- * Work together with your child on household chores.
- * Be available to help with homework when asked.
- * Help your child deal with emotions.