How Can I Help My Child Succeed in School?

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Knowledge is Power

Parents are an important component to academic success:

- Students report that parents have the most influence over their goals.
- Parental support and student academic success are strongly related.
- Dropping out of high school will significantly limit your child’s work options.
- People who leave high school before graduating are more likely to be unemployed, work in very tiring jobs and work in jobs that pay very little money.
- People who leave high school before graduating are more likely to be in jail and seek government help for things such as health care, housing and food.
- Finishing high school brings your child increased self-respect and the ability to help others and your family.

What can you do?

- Encourage your child to read. Studies confirm that reading at home is a strong indicator for academic success.
- Model healthy habits, such as eating healthy, physical exercise and a stable sleep routine.
- Supervise homework, television viewing and computer use. It is important to have a regular space where your child does his or her homework. Set limits on afterschool activities, such as television viewing or video games.
- Have frequent conversations about school, family and his/her future with your child.
- Remember to praise and provide encouraging words, especially during difficult times.
- Ensure your child attends school daily and on time.
Working with teachers and schools:

- Learn as much as possible about your child’s school.

- Ask for a school handbook and read it over.

- Know your child's academic calendar and test dates.

- Ask your child’s teacher about expectations. It is important to talk to your child’s teachers early and often to identify strengths and areas of improvement.

- Stay involved in your child’s school activities.

- Ask for information in your native language.

- Learn to use Parent link: www.parentlink.ccsd.net

For additional suggestions on helping your child succeed in school, visit:


- Nevada System of Higher Education:http://system.nevada.edu/

- Nevada Department of Education: http://nde.doe.nv.gov/Parents.htm

- Clark County School District: http://www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml

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