



LEARNING AT HOME

Learning should not end when the final bell rings. Here are some ways to create educational environments in your home, and to ensure your children are prepared for the next school day:

- Encourage reading in your home, and make story time an everyday habit.
- Ensure your child gets adequate sleep.
- Limit TV and video time.
- Provide a well-balanced healthy diet, even for teenagers.
- See that your child attends school regularly and is on time.
- Set aside a homework/study routine each school night.
- Encourage completion of all assignments.
- Attend all events in which your child participates.
- Talk and listen to your child about school activities each day.
- Ask for help or advice when your child is struggling or having a problem.
- Provide ongoing enrichment.
- Show respect and support for your child, the teachers and the school.
- Support the school in developing positive behaviors.
- Understand student expectations for each grade level and course.
- Know how to access scholarship and financial aid information for higher education.
- Make sure your school has your current address and phone number.
- Praise your child's efforts.
- Schedule at least one teacher conference during each year.
- Read everything that comes home from school and check your child's backpack regularly.
- Monitor test scores and performance carefully.
- Say "good job" and "I knew you could do it."
- Ask, "What do you think?" — and really listen to your child's answers.
- Say, "Tell me about it," to encourage your child to talk about assignments.
- Show your child how his/her schoolwork applies to real-life situations.
- Visit local libraries regularly to introduce your child to information and resources.
- Talk with your child about his/her day.
- Set high but realistic standards and recognize that every child is different.

Have you created a learning environment at home?