

Middle School Success

Tips for Parents

Middle school students are expected to be more independent and responsible. They also have more to keep track of and more to do. In order to handle the additional demands of middle school, students need the help and support of their family. *Here are some tips to help your student succeed in middle school.*

Help with Organization



Monitor planner use.

Using a planner helps students keep track of their assignments. Check your child's planner periodically to make sure they are using it every day.



Keep spaces neat.

Encourage your child to keep their homework area neat and organized, and to regularly clean out their backpack.



Provide folders and binders.

Help your child develop a system for organizing papers (handouts, notes, homework). There should be a specific place for every paper.



Be encouraging.

Many middle school students struggle with organization. Be patient and supportive as your child develops the organization skills they need to succeed.

Monitor Homework



Create a homework schedule.

Help your child create a schedule that makes homework a part of their daily routine.



Prioritize homework.

Make sure your child understands that completing homework is very important. Be available to help organize homework, to help break large assignments down into smaller parts, and to help your student if they get stuck.

Be Involved



Be informed and involved.

Make sure you see all report cards and progress reports. Stay up to date on what's happening in your child's school, and regularly check the school's website.



Value your child's education.

By your words and actions, show your child that their education and academic progress are very important to you.



Attend conferences.

Before each parent-teacher conference, make a list of the things you want to talk about. Also, ask your child if there is anything they would like you to discuss.

For more parent-teacher conference tips, watch this short video.



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