

7th Grade Success Tips for Parents

Help your child have a great seventh grade year. These ten tips are sure to put your child on the path to success this year—and for years to come!



1. Make attendance a priority.

Attendance is the #1 school success factor. Make sure your child is in school, on time, every day.



2. Help your child stay on track.

Encourage your child to use a planner to write down assignments tests, quizzes, and anything else they need to remember.



3. Encourage organization.

Remind your child to put all papers in the appropriate folder or binder—never stuck inside books or stuffed into a backpack.



4. Be involved.

Participate in school programs and events, such as open houses and conferences, and regularly check your school's website for updates.



5. Monitor homework.

Be interested and supportive, but insist that your child be responsible for keeping track of and completing their own homework assignments.



6. Monitor progress.

Talk about how school is going and make sure that you see all interim/midterm reports and report cards. If grades are posted online, check them regularly.



7. Build self-esteem.

Students with a positive self-image are less influenced by peer pressure. Help your child find something they are good at and enjoy.



8. Provide support.

Be interested in what your child is doing, make time for family activities, and give your child lots of support and love.



9. Set limits.

Base the amount of freedom your child is given on how responsible they are. Tweens need to understand that they will be held accountable for their actions.



10. Communicate with your child.

Be available to listen when your child wants to talk. Find times when they are most likely to be open to conversation (e.g., after getting home from school, before going to bed).

Helping your child have a successful year doesn't require doing extraordinary things. It's the little things you do each day that provide the guidance and support your child needs.