



Tips for Families

Strategies for encouraging your child

There are many practical ways you can encourage your child's success in school and their career:

- help your child develop a positive self-concept
- be actively involved in your child's life
- ask your child about his / her school day and homework
- read and spend time with your child
- provide a positive learning environment at home
- provide a quiet and secure space for doing schoolwork
- help your child get along with others
- stress the importance of education
- join the parent teacher association (PTA), volunteer at and attend school functions, and attend parent teacher conferences
- help your child learn good work attitudes and habits
- reinforce to your child that college is possible
- support your child's career goals and dreams
- start a college savings plan
- encourage your child to volunteer and build work experience
- help your child choose challenging classes and activities
- visit local college campuses with your child when possible
- help your child gain skills that could be useful in work

Family involvement and interest in a high quality education is critical for creating an environment that promotes student success, achievement and aspirations. You can have a significant impact on your child's career and education development.