

Set Up For Success

BE THERE FOR YOUR CHILD FROM CRADLE TO CAREER

Study after study shows that parental involvement is the most critical factor in a child's educational success. Here are a few tips to get you started toward a more enjoyable education experience for you and your child.

BE INVOLVED.

Inspire your children to do well in school by showing them that school is important.

- Join the PTA/PTO. Visit Wisconsin's PTA website at wisconsinpta.org.
- Volunteer to help with field trips or in the classroom.
- Ask your child's teacher what is needed in the classroom, such as snacks, supplies, etc.
- Talk with your children about materials they bring home.
- Ask the teacher his or her preferred method of contact and keep an open line of communication between you, your child and teacher.
- Know the school's policies and academic standards.



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BE DILIGENT ABOUT HOMEWORK.

Some parents and guardians are a bit nervous about not being able to help their children with homework because it's been a long time since they opened a textbook. Homework help is everywhere: teacher assistance and homework hotlines for students, mentoring sessions and limitless resources on the Internet. This is particularly important in middle school and high school when students need continued motivation to succeed.

DON'T FORGET THE BASICS.

Give your child a great start each morning with a few simple steps:

- **Make sure they get enough sleep.** All children need a good night's sleep.
Regular bedtimes are just as important for teenagers as they are for elementary school students.
- **Help children get organized.** Lay clothes out the night before and prepare any meals and sign any forms so things aren't frantic in the morning.
- **Provide healthy breakfast food so they have the energy to pay attention in school.**

What are some of your tips for success? Share them online at myclassroomconnections.org