



10 Ways To Help Your Child Succeed In School

Parent Goal: Build a consistent routine, stay involved, and help your child believe improvement is possible.

1. Create a homework routine

Choose the same time and place for homework each day. A predictable routine lowers arguments and builds responsibility.

2. Check the backpack and planner

Look for homework, teacher notes, missing assignments, tests, and school forms. Do not wait until Sunday night.

3. Ask better school questions

Instead of only asking, "Did you do your homework?" ask, "What did you learn today?" and "What was hard today?"

4. Read every day

Aim for 20 minutes daily. Younger students can read with you. Older students can read books, articles, or class materials.

5. Build vocabulary

Pick one new word each day. Talk about what it means, use it in a sentence, and connect it to real life.

6. Help with math the right way

Do not just give the answer. Ask, "What is the problem asking?" "What step comes next?" and "Can you explain your thinking?"

7. Break big work into small steps

Large assignments feel overwhelming. Start with one page, five questions, or ten focused minutes.

8. Limit distractions

Homework time should be phone-free, TV-free, and game-free. Keep only the materials needed for the assignment.

9. Praise effort and progress

Say, "like how you kept trying," or "You improved from last time." Confidence grows when effort is noticed.

10. Communicate early with teachers

If grades drop, assignments are missing, or your child seems lost, contact the teacher early. Do not wait for report cards.

Watch for warning signs: avoiding homework, crying during assignments, low confidence, missing work, low grades, slow reading, or saying "I am just bad at school." Early support makes improvement easier.

Parent action step: Choose one habit from this handout and use it every school day for the next two weeks.