



Parent Homework Tips

Did you know that students with highly involved father figures are:

- 39% more likely to earn A's
- 45% less likely to repeat a grade
- 60% less likely to be suspended or expelled
- Score 8 points higher on math/reading tests
- Two times as likely to go to college and find stable employment

Source: Child and Family Research Partnership

Know your child's homework schedule

- Daily assignments - reading
- Weekly assignments – math worksheets, spelling words, meaningful sentences, etc.
- Tests and Quizzes
- All homework is a review of what was done in class and is never new content

Help your child get organized

- Create a homework folder (To Do –Done)
- Create a homework schedule
- Create a special setting or space to do homework that is quiet

WSES uses planners

- Homework is written in the planner
- Parents are to check and sign it daily
- Used to communicate between parents and teachers

Homework Schedule

- Set a regular time for student to do homework
- Help your child determine how much time each assignment will take and level of difficulty of each assignment
- Use a timer for each assignment. Give short 5 minute breaks every 20-30 minutes
- Provide a healthy snack before students start their assignments

Special Setting or Space

- Provide a place free from noise and distractions
- Well lighted and have school supplies to complete assignments
- If space is limited, create study board. Students enjoy creating it and they are easy to store

Final Tips

- When your child does homework, you do "Homework" read the paper, balance the check book, pay bills etc.
- When your child asks for help provide guidance – not answers
- Do not teach short cuts or strategies that are not what are being taught in class. This might hinder a deeper understanding of the concepts
- Be positive, even if you do not know how to do the child's work
- Help your child try to recall how they did the problem in class, recall the steps, and look for examples in their notes or book
- Ask if drawing a picture, diagram, list, tables or using manipulative such as buttons, pennies or other small household items will help
- If your child has tried everything they know and can still not complete the work, contact the teacher
- Ask for a conference to help you know how to better assist your child
- Ask for extra tutoring and resources that you can use at home