



Tools for Success

◆ Manage Academics

Help your student stay accountable for completing and turning in their assignments on time and implementing effective study habits.

- Take ownership – this is your student’s education so let them take the responsibility for their academics.
- Use a day planner – keep track of upcoming assignments/projects/exams
- Manage time wisely – allow enough time each night to complete homework assignments. Students should avoid cramming for exams and try to study multiple times before a test as to retain more information.
- Learn to prioritize – homework vs. video games or myspace? What assignments are due tomorrow?
- Utilize tutoring resources – ask your teacher or come to the counseling office for more info.
- ABI – utilize ABI to help keep track of grades and assignments
- Your student should learn to recognize when they begin to struggle - communicate with parents, teachers, and counselors.

◆ Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!

Communication is key when trying to resolve difficult situations and it helps to build relationships.

- Students should work on building open communication with their instructors. Don’t be afraid to ask questions even if it is over e-mail!
- Encourage students to talk to their counselor about any concerns.
- Have open communication between parent and student! Sometimes you are their best resource!

◆ Get Connected!

A connected student tends to feel safe, encouraged, and more likely to make the right choices.

- Build a social network of positive friends and adults
- Join a club, sport, or community organization (extra-curricular)
- Join a class that allows for co-curricular participation (ex. drama, choir, band, leadership, trade & industrial classes).
- Attend school events
- Visit the Career Center for college/ career info and work permit information.
- Connect with your Link Leader
- Listen to incoming Connect Ed calls and/or E-mails



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