

Help your Student Succeed

We recommend the following intervention strategies which are designed to assure effective communication between the home and school, to support your student in the academic areas and provide additional assistance to the student/family.

- **Check nightly to see that your student has written homework assignments in their school planner (agenda).** Daily homework is written on the board every day for students to copy. Accountability on the part of the student is important.
- **Help your student to create a “To Do” list and prioritize homework.** Often students do not have a strategy to manage their work and time, especially with long term projects.
- **Check in with your student’s counselor.**
If you feel that they need extra academic support or need someone to talk with to get them back on track for a successful school year.
- **Help your student to clean out backpack and organize notebook.** Keeping track of assignments to turn in, and properly storing those that are completed is essential.
- **Tackle the Tough Stuff first.** Students will often leave their most difficult assignments for last. Encourage them to tackle the tough stuff first while their mind is still fresh.
- **Create an open area, such as the kitchen table, for doing homework.** Monitor the use of time and focus on quality work by the student. Ask to see the assignments when completed.
- **Ask to see your student’s homework when finished to check for completeness.** If your student claims the assignment was finished at school ask to see it anyway. Teachers do not collect assignments early for this purpose.
- **Encourage your student to have the phone number of at least one Study Buddy in each class.** You may not be able to help your student on an assignment, but another classmate should be able to do so.
- **Have your student ask his/her teachers to sign the weekly progress report in the front of the planner on Fridays.** This will be timely and valuable feedback for both you and your student as to how the weekly behavior and school work has been.

- **Encourage your student to try a variety of study techniques for test such as making flashcards.** Check the front handbook section of your student's planner for suggestions for improving work habits and study techniques.
- **Have your student ask their teacher for extra assistance.** Teachers either will have specifically designated help sessions or ones by appointment.
- **Healthy breakfast and snacks.** Studies have shown that students learn better when their brain has been fed a proper diet. Make sure that your student has breakfast prior to coming to school and has a healthy snack when they get home.