

A Report Card for Parents

Grade yourself with an “A”, “B”, or “C” on how well you help your child succeed in school. An “A” means you’re doing a great job and can see the results of your involvement. A “B” means you’re doing a good job but could do more. A “C” means you realize you need to do more—and will!

Do I as a parent:

- Maintain a good working relationship with all my child's teachers?
- Show my child that I value education by talking about the importance of education in his or her life and mine?
- Attend all parent-teacher conferences, PTA meetings, and other school events, particularly those that support student learning?
- Read to my child every day or make sure my child reads every day on his or her own?
- Provide a quiet time and place for my child to study and read?
- Insist that my child complete all assigned homework?
- Make sure my child attends school every day (not including legitimate excused absences)?
- Expect my child to do his or her best in all subjects?
- Take an interest in what interests my child?
- Show pride in my child's accomplishments—big or small?
- Encourage my child to do his or her best, without putting undue pressure on him or her, in scholastic, athletic, and extra-curricular activities?
- Secure special assistance if my child needs it?
- Limit television watching and plan other individual and family activities?
- Make sure my child gets regular exercise, eats nutritious food, and has adequate time for sleep and rest?
- Make sure my child has free time to play and enjoy him- or herself without being overscheduled with after-school activities?
- Listen to my child and respect/understand his or her feelings, even if I disagree?