

Homework Tips for Parents and Guardians

The following tips are intended to help parents and guardians interact with their students about homework. If you have any questions or concerns about these expectations, please don't hesitate to ask!

1. Establish a physical structure regarding your student's homework. It is helpful for students to have a regular and consistent workspace that provides the necessary materials (such as pencils, paper, a dictionary, or a calculator) and a quiet environment.
2. Monitor your student's progress. Check to see if he or she is staying focused and attending to the homework or becoming frustrated with it.
3. Emphasize the importance of effort over immediate understanding. Stress that comprehension and proficiency are influenced by hard work rather than some innate skill or intelligence.
4. If your student is having difficulty with homework, try to help him or her work through it. Break the homework into smaller sections or parts, do a few problems or exercises with your student, or respond to his or her question about the homework or the content if you can.
5. When your student has finished the homework, help him or her reflect on it. Ask questions such as: What do you think you have learned? What are you still confused about? What questions do you still have? Encourage your student to bring these questions or confusions about the content to the teacher.
6. Finally, thank your student for his or her time and effort spent completing the homework!

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