

Tips for Success

1. Help your child understand the demands and expectations of high school. Remind him/her that we are teaching our students to be more independent. This means it is necessary for them to be responsible to know what is expected of them and do it.
2. Encourage your child to speak with their teacher or counselor directly when they have an issue. Suggest, model and rehearse with them ways they can approach the situation. Contact the teacher or counselor if you and your child are not satisfied with the resolution.
3. Encourage your child to be involved in extracurricular activities and events sponsored by the school and other groups that work with youth. Show your support by providing transportation and attending (ie, games, presentations, etc.)
4. Assist your child in establishing a balance between schoolwork/social interaction/sports and activities/family time/rest.
5. Be as involved as possible in your child's high school experience by talking with them often about their classes, activities, and friends.
6. Be aware of happenings at the school and important dates. Use the parent portal, school website, guidance newsletter, twitter, and/or facebook to stay informed.
7. Monitor your child's grades on Genesis. Reach out to the teacher when there is a grade you question or see that your child is not meeting your expectations. Obtain teacher input on how your child can improve his/her performance in that class.
8. Use school personnel as resources in the home/school partnership so your child has a unified network of support. Remember, we are here to be partners with you in supporting your child's success.