

# Guiding the Way to Higher Education

Families, Counselors, and  
Communities Together

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Building a Foundation for  
Educational Success

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# Questions

1. What part of helping your student succeed at school do you find most difficult to provide? Easiest to provide?
2. What are some examples of how you help your student prepare for school or practice good study habits?
3. What problems have you experienced in getting your student to study, read, and engage in other educational activities at home?

# Families and School Together



Meet your student's teachers and counselors early in the school year to establish these ties, and check in throughout the year. Don't wait until poor grades are received to check in with the school.

# Families and School Together

- Join the parent organization at school and become involved in the decision-making process.
- Locate the public library in your area. Besides books, they have computers, DVDs, audio and video tapes, and they host special programs designed to help your student be a better learner.

# Families and School Together

Help your student do their best in school by helping him / her:

- Feel good about going to school
- Attend school appropriately dressed and in good physical condition (well rested, well-fed, and focused)
- Support school rules and explain reasons for them



# Families and School Together

Help your student do their best in school by helping him / her :

- Always complete and turn in homework assignments
- Manage his/her time wisely
- Establish a school and home calendar and place it in a prominent location in the home
- Seek assistance from people and programs offering aid and expertise in the college admission process in your community by visiting:
- [www.collegeaccess.org/accessprogramdirectory](http://www.collegeaccess.org/accessprogramdirectory)

*By taking an active interest and becoming involved in the education of their student, families can form partnerships with teachers and other educators partnerships that will prove productive for the student.*





# Steps to Encourage Student Achievement

Encourage positive work habits that stress the importance of education.



Become involved in school and encourage basic skills.



Acknowledge success and respect effort.

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Provide an effective place to study, and provide help as needed.



Encourage extracurricular activities both in and out of school.



Recognize that opportunities to learn are never ending.



*As a family, you have the unique opportunity to support or extend the efforts of teachers, counselors and other school staff, to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that help students plan for the remainder of their education, careers and lives.*

# Provide a Beneficial Home Learning Environment

- Determine the physical space where quiet studying can occur.
- Provide the resources (e.g., paper, pens, computer, etc.) your student will need.
- Establish a routine time for homework and projects.

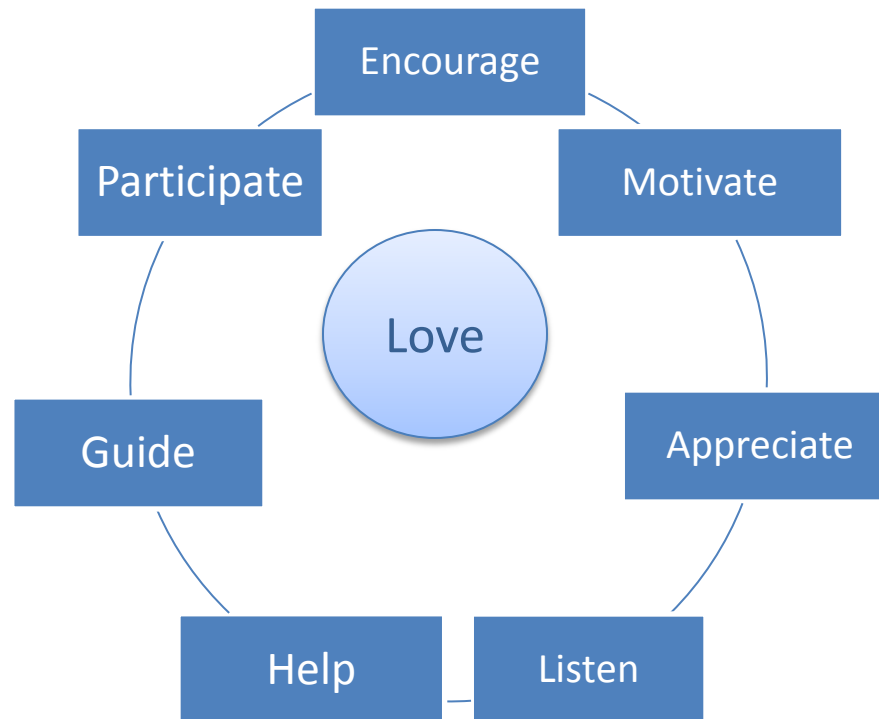
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- Promote sound time management skills.
- Encourage games and leisure activities that require reasoning, computations, and problem solving skills.
- Monitor computer games, television, the use of the telephone and the internet.
- Encourage activities that compliment the educational experience.



The importance of good study skills must begin during childhood and be nurtured throughout the school experience.

# Building Self-Esteem and a Positive Self Image



*Families should have ongoing, direct involvement in the education of their students.*

*In far too many instances, however, they leave that responsibility up to the schools.*