



Tips for Getting Involved

For Middle and High School Parents and Families

- Find out how teachers and the school communicate regularly with parents and sign up for email blasts, newsletters and text messages
- Email teachers when the school year starts to get connected and ask what you can do at home to support student learning
- Be aware of teachers' expectations for middle and high school courses and how school activities link to what students are doing in class through academic standards
- Take a look at course outlines on the school website or contact the office for hard copies if your student hasn't had a chance to share them with you
- Attend school events such as Open House to support student learning, development and growth both at home and at school
- Go online and regularly check class grades and assignments on the school website to monitor your student's progress
- Encourage your teen to participate in college readiness forums and job fairs and to sign up for service learning opportunities to prepare them for life after high school
- Keep in the loop on what's happening on campus, how school climate affects students and who your kids are hanging out with
- Volunteer to help with PTA and school activities to share your skills and show that your family values education and supports the school

- Talk to teachers about standardized testing and academic achievement to learn when tests are scheduled, which standardized tests are given at which grade level and how the school uses the test results to improve student learning
- Check your school website for school policies and procedures on attendance, absenteeism, discipline, dress code and conflict resolution and get information on how to resolve concerns or problems at school
- Understand more about parents' rights and responsibilities under state and federal laws to ensure students have a chance to achieve their potential
- Keep in the loop on issues affecting education, school funding and student achievement and get involved by working on your school district's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) to help your student succeed today for tomorrow's world
- Provide input on school policies to ensure all students have access to school-sponsored programs, including academic and counseling services
- Stay connected as it's more important than ever in middle and high school so our students are better prepared to live happy, healthy and productive lives