

# 40 Ways To Be Involved In My Child's Education

## What Can I do To Involve Myself With My Child's School?

1. Visit your child's classroom; a visit will give you an idea of what your child does at school and how he or she interacts with others.
2. Volunteer to help in the classroom as an assistant (listening to children read, assisting in computers or music classes etc.)
3. Support students' events and performances by helping them and attending with them.
4. Meet with the teachers to find out ways in which you could be of assistance in other areas of the classroom. In this way you might be able to help a child who is in need of assistance.
5. Participate in workshops that are available to parents on issues involving parenting.
6. Take advantage of parent – teacher meetings.
7. Ask your child's teacher for additional material that you can use with your child.
8. Know of problems in the school and assist in whatever way you can to solve some of these problems.

## How I can Help My Child With Homework?

9. Reward progress; use lots of praise; display good work in the home.
10. Find out how much and what type of homework is assigned in each class, how students are expected to prepare and turn it in and what students can do when they don't understand something.
11. Help your child to manage the homework by dividing it into small doses.
12. Help your child to develop a home-work schedule that he or she can stick to.
13. Talk to your child each day about the homework assignments; go over work; see if it is complete; ask questions about it. However, never do the child's homework.
14. Provide a suitable place for study (make it quiet and away from the television).
15. Avoid making the homework a punishment.
16. Special assignments and projects must be done by the child under the guidance of the parent.  
Do not encourage anyone to do the homework for your child.
17. Understand that homework is not always written. A lot of the homework given may require the pupil to revise and review material.

## How Can I Make Our Home A Good Place For My Child To Learn?

18. Have high expectations for your child's learning and behaviour, both at home and at school.
19. Praise and encourage your child.

20. Emphasize effort and achievement and be a role model for getting work done before play.
21. Establish rules and routines in the home.
22. Monitor television viewing.
23. Limit after school activities, especially if these activities are affecting your child's performance.
24. Encourage your child to share information about school and respond with empathy.
25. If you don't do anything else, read to your child or have him or her read to you every night.

Encourage older children to read by reading yourself and by having interesting and appropriate materials available.

## What Should I Do If My Child Isn't Doing Well In School?

26. Contact the school and teacher immediately.
27. Work with the teacher – listen to the advice and develop a plan of action.
28. Follow the Plan of Action that has been designed by the teacher.
29. Make it clear to the teacher that you want to be contacted as soon as there is a problem with your child.
30. Meet with the teacher as often as it takes until the problem is rectified.
31. Continue to monitor the progress on a daily basis.
32. Let your child know that his or her education is absolutely important to you and you are not going to let up until there is improvement.
33. Let the child feel a sense of accomplishment when improvement is noted.
34. Show that you are pleased with the efforts of the child when there is improvement.

## What If My Child Doesn't Like School?

35. Use your knowledge of your child to try and determine the problem.
36. Observe and listen to your child. His problems are important.
37. Work with the teacher; inform the teacher of the concerns of the child; see how best these concerns can be corrected.

## What Else Does My Child Need To Know For Him/Her To Become A Better Student?

38. Understand that other children might be different from you but all children are the same.
39. Respect that other children have things to say too.
40. Values such as honesty, respect, courtesy etc are important.