Tips for Families

Strategies for encouraging your child

There are many practical ways you can encourage your child’s success in school and their career:

• help your child develop a positive self-concept
• be actively involved in your child’s life
• ask your child about his / her school day and homework
• read and spend time with your child
• provide a positive learning environment at home
• provide a quiet and secure space for doing schoolwork
• help your child get along with others
• stress the importance of education
• join the parent teacher association (PTA), volunteer at and attend school functions, and attend parent teacher conferences
• help your child learn good work attitudes and habits
• reinforce to your child that college is possible
• support your child’s career goals and dreams
• start a college savings plan
• encourage your child to volunteer and build work experience
• help your child choose challenging classes and activities
• visit local college campuses with your child when possible
• help your child gain skills that could be useful in work

Family involvement and interest in a high quality education is critical for creating an environment that promotes student success, achievement and aspirations. You can have a significant impact on your child’s career and education development.