

# 10 STEPS TO SUCCESS

## How to Have a Great School Year

- 1** Ensure your children attend school every day and arrive on time. You don't want them to miss important information.
- 2** Set healthy homework habits early. Have a specific time every day during the week for homework with little distractions.
- 3** Open communication with your children's teachers is important. Your school will let you know about ways to meet with your children's teachers, such as Back to School Night or Parent Teacher Conferences. If you have a concern, schedule an appointment.
- 4** Sign up for Parent Portal, where you can see information about your students' grades and attendance as well as important information from your school. You can also register for your children's school online!
- 5** Talk to your children about their school day. Ask specific questions: "What did you learn in history?" instead of "How was your day?" Encourage a conversation rather than a simple response.
- 6** Be present when talking to your children. It can be hard to put aside distractions from work or other children, but try to set aside a few minutes each day where you can give your child your full attention.
- 7** Talk to your children about college and career. Ask them about their hopes and dreams for their future. Emphasize the importance of school and going to college. Don't judge their dreams and aspirations.
- 8** Acknowledge your child's efforts, not just the end result. Focus on the positive and point out the ways you are proud of your child. Emphasize the importance of a "can-do" attitude, which will help your children throughout their lives.
- 9** Attend school events as often as possible. Ask about volunteer opportunities or joining the Parent-Teacher Association, Collaborative School Committee or other leadership group. This will keep you connected to what is happening at your child's school.
- 10** Sign up for the Family and Community Engagement newsletter by visiting [face.dpsk12.org](http://face.dpsk12.org). Learn about free opportunities for families, tips and advice, and other important information.



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