

Homework: Setting the Stage

Children who are involved in regular routines at home tend to do better in school. Families can help children organize their daily work and manage their time. Use this routine to guide families in helping their children with homework.

1 Establish a Time to Do Homework

Encourage families to establish with their children a regular time to do homework. Consistency is important.

2 Create a Place to Do Homework

Tell families to find a comfortable, quiet, and well-lighted place in their home for their children to do homework. The place should include supplies such as books, magazines, a dictionary, paper, markers, and pencils.

3 Gather Resources

Suggest that families help their children gather resources needed for assignments. Parents can:

- help determine and gather materials needed for a project
- suggest or contact people for an assignment such as an interview or a poll

4 Encourage a School-Home Dialogue

Involve families in evaluating how their children are succeeding with homework. Encourage an ongoing dialogue so that families are comfortable communicating any difficulties their children are having.



Research on Homework

“Research shows that parents of academically successful students make sure they are informed about their youngsters’ activities in school, their school performance, and whether or not they have been assigned homework; and they make certain that a place and time are allocated for homework.”

Jeremy D. Finn,
“Parental Engagement That Makes a Difference”