

10 tips for encouraging your child's learning

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We all want our children to have safe, healthy and fulfilling lives. For young people fulfilment is created by being actively engaged in learning. Most students with higher resilience levels value success for themselves, are motivated to learn, report feeling highly engaged in school, have good levels of social skills and don't think violence is a good way of solving problems.

Here are 10 ways to encourage your child's learning:

- 1. Involve your child in extracurricular activities such as sports teams, performing arts, school publications, student government;
- 2. Encourage your child to value learning;
- Take an active interest in your child's homework and schooling;
- Encourage your child to complete their homework each night;
- 5. Talk to them about their homework and do some tasks with them;

- 6. Encourage your child to care about their school friends and care about school;
- 7. Join your child in reading for pleasure; talk about books, films and ideas that interest them;
- 8. Develop a positive view of their future life and connect this with their schoolwork;
- 9. Set high standards and expectations for your child;
- Teach them new practical skills such as cooking, washing, managing money, gardening.

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