



MVMS Parent Tool Kit

- ★ **Responding to your students educational and personal needs both at home and at school will help you build a foundation for educational success.**

Educational Success at HOME:

- 1. Send your students to school ready to learn.**
 - Provide a nutritious breakfast
 - Proper amount of sleep; 8-9 hours
 - Exercise regularly
 - Results will boost attention span, concentration, and keep students ready to learn.
- 2. Promote Organizational Skills.**
 - Teach how to use a calendar or planner
 - Develop a routine: prioritize tasks and manage time
 - Organization has to be learned and practiced
- 3. Visit the MVMS Website.** www.mvcsc.k12.in.us
 - Stay connected with the school
 - Read the MVMS Daily Announcements
 - School website and twitter page is full of valuable information for parents and students @MtVernon_MS
- 4. Study Tips and Expectations.**
 - Establish a routine for studying
 - Help set academic goals
 - Encourage positive work habits
 - Be positive and enthusiastic about your child's learning
 - Notes and folders need to be organized by subject
 - Review materials and study with your student
- 5. Talk about school with your student.**
 - Make an effort to discuss school everyday with your student
 - Show interest in your student's academics
 - Respect and recognize your student's efforts and success
 - Promote POSITIVE FRIEND choices

Educational Success at SCHOOL:

- 1. Get Involved.**



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- a. Get to know the teachers and school staff - expectations
 - b. Attend school events
 - c. Monitor your students progress: attendance and academics
- 2. Know the Student Handbook of the school**
- a. Your student needs to know that you are aware of the schools expectations and that you support those expectations
 - b. Parent expectations at home need to be similar to that of the school - resulting in a TEAM effort for the student
- 3. Make Attendance and Academics a priority**
- a. Arrive to school on time everyday
 - b. Communicate any type of absence with the school 317-485-3160
 - c. Try to make appointments during non-school hours
 - d. Make sure your student communicates with teachers for missed work

Other Things that can be done to meet EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS:

1. Sign up for 21st Century Scholars - talk to a school counselor to see if your student qualifies.
2. Make sure your student is involved in school activities; sports, clubs, band, choir, etc.
3. Monitor your students social media use. You will find out valuable information about your students and what they are thinking.
4. Have a safe location for electronic devices during sleeping hours - not in the bedroom with the student.

Signs of a Struggling Student:

- **Lack of motivation, interest, or attention.** Your student is resistant or unwilling to participate in school activities, assignments, or is inattentive in class.
- **Homework Frustrations.** Your child argues about their work, cries or throws tantrums about doing work, or refuses to do work. Check with your student's teacher or counselor if you are needing help
- **Behavior Problems.** Your student is acting up in class and/or seeking negative attention from other students. Check with the administration and counselors.
- **Slipping Grades.** Your student's grades are steadily declining; indicating the school work is difficult or your student is not putting forth the effort to succeed. Contact your student's teacher.
- **Low Self-Esteem.** Your student avoids talking about school with you, becomes withdrawn or makes negative comments about his or her abilities. Seek guidance from the counseling team.