

How well do you Support your child's learning?

The Empowered Parent and Family Member Report Card



The following questions are adapted by permission from the [Project Appleseed](#) organization, the national campaign for public school improvement. Research indicates that students are more successful when parents and family members are involved in their child's education. Use these 29 questions as a guide to discover some of the ways that you can help your child at home and at school.

Simply check your answer to the following questions and then total your responses on the separate form using the instructions at the end of the Report Card.

PARENTING

- 1) Have you identified a regular time and place in your home for your child to do his/ her homework?
Yes [] No []
- 2) Do you monitor your child's homework?
Yes [] No []
- 3) Do you monitor your child's television viewing habits?
Yes [] No []
- 4) Do you ensure that your child has excellent attendance at school?
Yes [] No []
- 5) Have you discussed with your child the importance of a good education?
Yes [] No []
- 6) Did you attend Open House or Back-to-School Night at your child's school? Or followed-up for the materials?
Yes [] No []
- 7) Do you support and reinforce the school's discipline plan?
Yes [] No []
- 8) Do you support your child's learning by providing nutritious meals and adequate time for sleep?
Yes [] No []

LEARNING AT HOME

- 9) Do you read to your young child? If your child is older, do you encourage reading by paying attention to what your child reads as well as how often he/she reads?
Yes [] No []
- 10) Do you hold your child responsible for completing all assignments on time and to the best of his/her ability?
Yes [] No []
- 11) Are you knowledgeable about what information and skills your child should master at his/her grade level or in his/her subject areas?
Yes [] No []

How Involved are you with your child's school?

VOLUNTEERING

- 12) Did you sign a written School-Parent Compact and volunteer to help teachers, administrators, students, and other parents?
Yes [] No []
- 13) Were you a class parent, parent advisory member, or a volunteer who provided parents with needed information or resources?
Yes [] No []

DECISION-MAKING

14) Have you attended at least one Title I/ Family Engagement Curriculum event or other parent organization meeting this year?

Yes [] No []

15) Have you worked on school-based management committees, district level councils and / or committees on issues concerning your schools?

Yes [] No []

16) Did you assist in providing information on school or local district elections for school representatives?

Yes [] No []

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

17) Have you attended at least one school program? (Examples are an awards assembly, a play, an athletic event or a school party?)

Yes [] No []

18) Are you a model of "good sportsmanship" when attending school and community events?

Yes [] No []

19) Do you insist that your child exhibit good sportsmanship at all times?

Yes [] No []

20) Do you encourage your child to participate in volunteer projects which serve the community?

Yes [] No []

How Familiar Are You With School Information?

21) Have you read the student code of conduct and/ or discipline policy?

Yes [] No []

22) Do you regularly read the school newsletter?

Yes [] No []

23) Are you familiar with the extra services provided at your child's schools?

(Examples are speech therapy, resource help for gifted students and counseling.)

Yes [] No []

24) Do you make yourself available for conferences requested by your child's teacher?

Yes [] No []

25) Have you had at least one parent teacher conference with the teacher(s) of your child?

Yes [] No []

26) Do you initiate contact with your child's teacher or principal just to show your support?

Yes [] No []

27) Are you aware of your child's academic strengths and weaknesses?

Yes [] No []

28) Do you ensure that your child takes courses to prepare him/ her for a chosen career path?

Yes [] No []

29) Are you familiar with the grading scale used on your child's report card?

Yes [] No []

HOW DID YOU SCORE?

INSTRUCTIONS: Now go back and count the boxes checked "Yes" and then add them up to get your score!

21-29: EXCELLENT!

Congratulations! You are a strong partner in your child's education.

10-20: GOOD!

Yes! You are making wonderful contributions to your child's education but there are even more ways that you can help.

0-9: NEEDS IMPROVEMENT!

Your school and your child needs your help! Your child's success at school might be increased if you were able to help more.