

**for:
Hartford High School
Parents**

Tips on Helping Your Child With Homework

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Set a Regular Time for Homework

Having a regular time to do homework helps children to complete assignments. The best schedule is one that works for your child and your family.

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Pick a Place

Your child's homework area doesn't have to be fancy. A desk in the bedroom is nice, but for many children, the kitchen table or a corner of the living room works just fine. The area should have good lighting, and it should be fairly quiet.

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Remove Distractions

Turn off the TV, and discourage your child from making and receiving telephone calls during homework time.

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Provide Supplies

Have available pencils, pens, erasers, paper and a dictionary. If you can't provide your child with needed supplies, check with the teacher, counselor or principal about possible assistance.

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Set a Good Example

Show your child that the skills he is learning are an important part of the things he will do as an adult. Let him see you reading books and newspapers; writing reports, letters, e-mails and lists; using math to balance your checkbook.

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Be Interested and Interesting

Make time to take your child to the library to check out materials needed for homework (and for enjoyment), and read with your child as often as you can. Talk about school and learning activities in family conversations. Ask your child what was discussed in class that day.