

# e-Tips for Families

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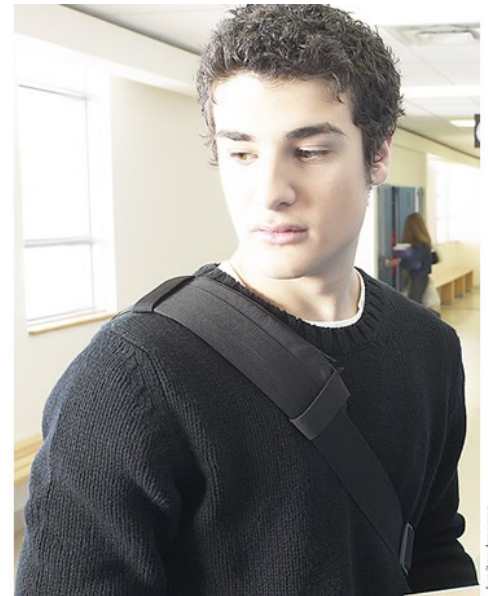
## MODIFY YOUR STRATEGY IF YOUR TEEN GETS A POOR REPORT CARD

Your teen's grade is lower than you expected—or perhaps he has even failed a course. Here are some questions you should ask your teen and his teacher before you decide what to do next:

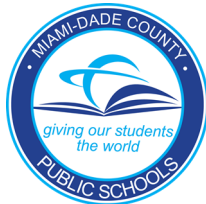
**Did your teen do the homework?** The single biggest cause for failing grades, teachers say, is that teens don't do their homework.

**Was the work too difficult?** Your teen may have been placed in an honors class when he should have been in a regular class. He may have tried to take a class without having the appropriate foundation. Find out whether the teacher believes your teen could do the work.

**What are the next steps to take?** Your teen may be able to retake the class during the summer. Or, he may need to repeat it next year. If his grade is low but not failing, he might try to take the next class—but only if he has a plan for correcting the mistakes he made this year.



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