

e-Tips for Parents



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SHOW YOUR TEEN THAT LEARNING IS ABOUT MORE THAN GRADES

You probably ask your teen how he is doing in school. You may ask how science is going. Or if English is getting any easier.

But what are you really asking? Chances are you want to know how your teen's grades are. That is an important concern, but encouraging the learning process is just as important. To show your teen that learning is about more than grades, ask him about what he is learning:

Ask what books he is reading. What are his thoughts about the plots? What questions would he ask the authors?

Ask about his most recent test. But don't ask about the grade. Does he think the test was a good way to measure how well he knew the material?

Ask about his accomplishments in learning. How did he handle the most difficult science problem he recently faced?

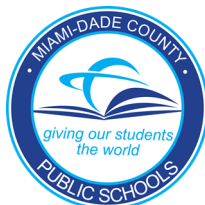
Ask if he has had any class experiences that changed his way of thinking. You may be able to share some of your own school experiences that had a similar effect on you.

Questions like these show your teen that you care about what he is thinking and learning. They also show you are concerned about his development. Both of these should let him know that learning is about far more than grades.



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