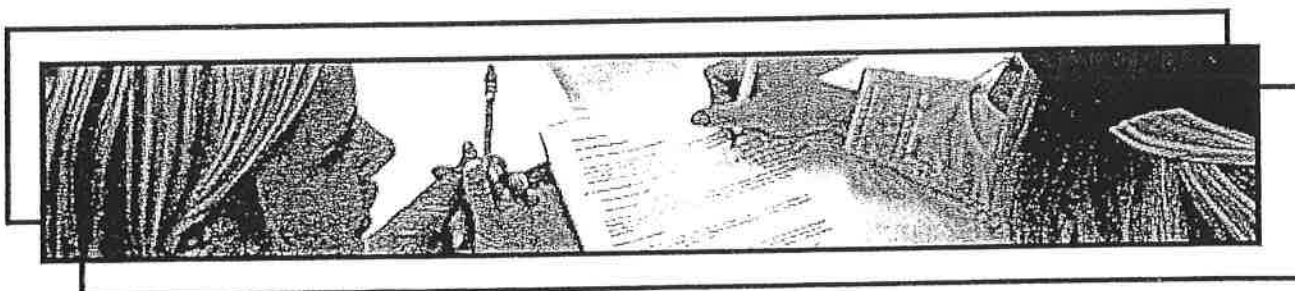


TEN THINGS TEACHERS WISH PARENTS WOULD DO

1. **Be involved in their children's education.** Parent involvement helps students learn, improves schools and makes teachers' jobs easier.
2. **Provide resources at home for reading and learning.** Parents should have books and magazines for their children and read with their children each day.
3. **Set a good example.** Parents should show their children that they believe reading is enjoyable and useful.
4. **Encourage children to do their best in school.** Parents should encourage children to do their best, and children should be helped to set obtainable goals.
5. **Academics should be a primary concern,** followed by their children's preparation for the world of work and involvement in athletics and activities.
6. **Support school rules and goals.** Parents should take care not to undermine school rules, discipline or goals.
7. **Use pressure positively.** Parents should gently urge their children to attempt new activities but they should not apply too much pressure by involving them in too many activities.
8. **Call teachers as soon as a problem becomes apparent** so that prompt action can be taken.
9. **Exercise parental responsibility** and do not expect the school and teachers to take over this job. For example, teaching basic discipline is a parental rather than a school responsibility.
10. **Understand that alcohol, tobacco, bullying, and violence are problems as serious as drug abuse.** All these can impact a student's health and classroom performance.



TEN THINGS PARENTS WISH TEACHERS WOULD DO



1. **Build students' self-esteem** by using praise generously and avoiding ridicule and negative public criticism.
2. **Get to know each child's needs**, interests and special talents, as well as the way each child learns best.
3. **Communicate often and openly with parents**, contacting them early about academic or behavioral problems, being candid rather than defensive when discussing these problems.
4. **Regularly assign homework that helps children learn**, and advise parents how they can work with their children on their homework.
5. **Set high academic standards**, expecting all students to learn and helping them to do so.
6. **Care about children**, since children learn best when taught by warm, friendly, caring and enthusiastic teachers.
7. **Treat all children fairly** and do not play favorites.
8. **Enforce a positive discipline code** based on clear and fair rules that are established and fully explained at the beginning of the school year -- reinforce positive behavior as well as punish negative behavior.
9. **Be aware of students' different learning styles** and vary teaching methods to help each child achieve success.
10. **Encourage parent participation** by reaching out to involve parents in their children's education. Show parents how they can help their children at home. Understand that parents want to work with teachers to help their children be successful.