

# Student Success

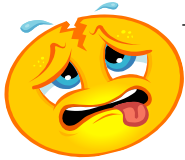
*Tips Families Can Use to Help Students Experience Academic Success*

## Getting Ready for Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences offer the opportunity for parents to find out how their children are doing in their academics. Conferences, though, are often brief. To get the most out of the time you spend with your child's teachers, plan ahead. Ask your child if they have any concerns about a specific class. Make a list of questions you'd like to ask the teacher. And remember, you and your child's teachers have the same goal: to do what's best for your child. Together you and your child's teachers will devise solutions to aid your child in being more successful in school. So, stay in regular touch with your child's teachers to discuss the progress your child is making in school.



Source: "How to Prepare for Parent-Teacher Conferences," [www.mtcutandpaste.com](http://www.mtcutandpaste.com)



## Unsatisfactory Grades

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When your child brings home unsatisfactory grades, stay calm. Punishing your child will not provide what they need to aim for better results. In fact, studies have shown punishment may lead to future report card difficulties.

There is always a correctable reason for low grades. It may be a simple misunderstanding, a case of missing too much school, or a lack of quality study time.

Discuss any problems your child may be having and offer grade improvement help. Make your expectations for improvement known.

Schedule a conference with the teacher and ask about the work your child is doing in class. Inquire about problems that may be hindering your child's performance. Brainstorm about parent-teacher-student expectations.

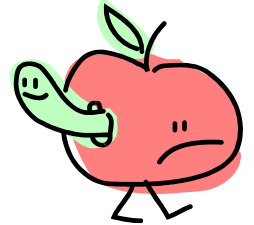
Gather the facts to gain a clear picture of why your child's grades have fallen and the steps necessary for improvement. Regardless, though, of the reason for the low grades, make it clear that only one person is responsible for making the change: your child.

Source: "Unsatisfactory Grades: Get to the Source," [www.mtcutandpaste.com](http://www.mtcutandpaste.com)

## What If My Child Doesn't Like Middle School?

Using your unique knowledge of your child, try to find out why he or she seems unhappy with school. Observe and listen to your child. The problem may not lie with the school itself, but with peers and friends. It also may be an issue of self-esteem.

Contact your child's teacher or other professional staff to discuss yours and your child's concerns openly. Don't underestimate what **YOU**, as a parent, can contribute to your child's learning experiences. Getting involved with your child's education does make a difference. Research consistently shows that high student achievement and good self-esteem are positively correlated to parental involvement in education.



Source: "What If My Child Doesn't Like School," [scooptoo.com/](http://scooptoo.com/)

### Worth Quoting

"The rules for parents are but three... love, limit, and let them be." *Elaine M. Ward*

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