



NEVADA PARENTS, Nevada ranks worst among all 50 states in the percentage of teens who are high school dropouts, the percentage of teens not attending school and not working AND the percentage of young adults enrolled in or graduated from college. Every parent wants their child to have a successful life and avoid becoming a negative statistic. Your involvement in your child's educational career is vital to their achievement. Here are ways that you can help your child thrive.

- Spend quality time with your child by helping them manage their homework. Encourage them to aim high and always do their best work. After your child has completed their homework, go over it with them, and discuss what they learned from the assignments.
- Send a positive message to your child by showing interest in their studies. Talk with them daily about what they're learning and doing in school (don't take "nothing" for an answer!).
- Build trust and keep the lines of communication open by discussing ideas and feelings about school, studies, and activities. Be informed by reading and reviewing the information that schools and school districts provide.
- Ensure the quality of your child's educational experience by contacting counselors, administrators, and teachers periodically. Be a full partner in your child's education and work with the school on your child's conduct.
- Encourage your child to be dedicated to learning by making sure that they attend school on a regular basis. Call the school if your child will be missing a day, and help them find out what they need to do to make up their school work. Don't forget to send in a note within three days of their absence.
- Build your child's confidence by encouraging them to pursue interests and make friends through extracurricular activities.
- Be the first to know what is going on in your child's life by knowing your child's friends. Know where your child is at all times. Be clear and consistent with discipline.
- Instill the sense of responsibility and maturity in your child by making it clear that they must follow school rules and policies. Teach them to respect people as well as property. Help them learn right from wrong and what to do when negative temptations come their way.
- Get involved by volunteering at school. Both your child and the school will benefit from your involvement and help. Schools solicit volunteers to help in a variety of ways: tutoring, assisting in the media center, giving speeches, helping out at activities, chaperoning, etc.
- Strengthen your family bond by having regular family meetings and scheduling time together as a family.