



NEVADA TEACHERS, 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 teacher wants each student under their guidance to have a successful life and avoid becoming a negative statistic. Your individual involvement in our children's educational career is vital to their achievement. Here are ways that you can help your students thrive.

- Be a participant of the Ready for Life movement by learning to recognize indicators in students that are at risk of dropping out.
- Be a resource to your students by talking to them about the importance of staying in school in concrete terms such as income, opportunity and overall personal achievement.
- Encourage parental involvement by building a collaborative relationship between parents, teachers and students from the start.
- Offer hands-on activities and invite guests from a variety of career backgrounds to speak to your classroom.
- Celebrate different learning styles to help students understand that they each have unique ways in which they will find success.
- Provide a safe classroom environment by respecting your students and simply showing that you care about their success.
- Read to your students every day. Whether it is the newspaper or a novel, reading out loud models techniques such as voice and character personality and builds confidence in students.
- Have a sense of humor and remember that learning should be fun for both you and your students.