

## Parent Involvement: Keys to Success

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### Parent Involvement: Helping with Homework

#### Listener's Guide

Key idea: Parent involvement in meaningful, family-friendly homework assignments can have a big impact on a child's academic success.

Strategies	Notes
<p>Research on homework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teachers often are not properly trained regarding homework.</li><li>• Homework should be purposeful and related to classroom learning.</li><li>• Homework must be completed to be effective.</li></ul>	
<p>Parental involvement can enhance homework when...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Homework is interactive.</li><li>• Parents receive clear directions on how to assist their child.</li><li>• Parents are not expected to teach the content.</li><li>• Parents pose questions that help students summarize or clarify their learning.</li></ul>	
<p>Strategies for SEAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share research and information with educators to help them learn to design purposeful and meaningful homework.</li><li>• Help educators learn to align homework assignments with standards and individual student learning goals.</li><li>• Support school and district staff in their work with parents and students.</li></ul>	

## Resources

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