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Simple Suggestions for a Successful High School Experience

1. Be involved in your child's academic program of study.

Make sure that your child is challenged and taking courses that will help meet future goals.

2. Get your child involved in a positive activity... but don't overextend.

Research says that students who are involved in an activity club, sport, music, etc., are much more likely to have a positive high school experience and get better grades than students who are not involved.

3. Know your child's friends.

Research says that when a teenager is faced with a critical decision, the influence of peers (positive and negative) and parents/families make the difference.

4. Register for eSembler.

This enables you to track your student's attendance and grades right from your computer.
<https://grades.pasco.k12.fl.us>

5. Don't allow your child to get lost in the shuffle.

In a large school, a student can get lost or fall through the cracks. Research says that when a student makes positive connections with adults (teachers, guidance counselors, coaches, etc.), it stops this from happening.

6. Remember that all teenagers (including straight A students) need proper supervision.

This supervision includes online supervision and supervision of technology. Remember, good kids make mistakes too. Your child should always know that you love him/her, but make sure he/she knows your expectations. Know where your child is and who they are with all the time.

7. Get to know your child's teachers and success team members.

Stay in positive contact with teachers and don't be afraid to ask for help. Remember that email is a great tool for quick information, but it's not such a great tool for dealing with more difficult issues. Don't fight the small battles for your child... keep things in perspective.

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Class of 2014 : Heather Jones (AP), Selina Reker (Guidance Counselor), Derek Delgado (Graduation Coach)

Class of 2015: Fatima Stark (AP), Cindy Damato (Guidance Counselor), Catherine Adair (Graduation Coach)

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8. Get involved in school yourself.

The most successful students are the ones whose parents are involved in the school, attend functions, serve on advisory councils or some other group. In a sense, these parents are the ones who are in the know, and they use this information to support their children and the school!

