



That's Interesting !

Metropolitan Life Surveys Students and Teachers

Last year the Metropolitan Life Survey of the American Teacher revealed some interesting findings about parent involvement in student achievement:

Sample Student Responses

- * 9 out of 10 students who mostly get C's or better (97% A/B mostly, 93% B/C mostly) are encouraged by their parents to do well in school.
- * Only 3 in 4 (77%) who receive grades lower than C report encouragement.
- * 60% of students who mostly get A's and B's and 55% of those who mostly get B's and C's report that parents help them go over their homework.
- * 50% of the students who usually get grades lower than C say their parents do not go over their homework.
- * 78% of students who usually receive A's and B's say their parents find the time to talk with them about their school lives and 89% receive parental encouragement to pursue their dreams.
- * 49% of those who get grades below C report that their parents do not talk to them about school and do not encourage them to pursue their dreams.

Based on these findings, the PASS Project strongly suggests these 1-2-3's for parents:

1. Set high expectations — Let your child know that school is important and you expect good effort and good results.

2. Monitor homework— Set a daily homework time, check to see assignments have been completed, and set up a “drop spot” by the front door to help insure work gets turned in.

3. Talk about school— Make time each day, even if it is just a few minutes, to ask about school and talk about your child's interests.

