



# FLORIDA PARENT CHECKLIST

As a part of the Florida Family and School Partnership for Student Achievement Act, the following checklist is being provided to all Pinellas County School parents and families. This checklist is meant to provide a meaningful guide to increasing family engagement in your child's education and academic progress.

As you go through the checklist, if you find you need additional help, please direct any academic concerns directly to your child's teacher or the School Counselor. Volunteer questions can be addressed by the School's Family and Community Liaison.

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The purpose of the Florida Parent Checklist<sup>1</sup> is to support parent's involvement in their child's educational progress by identifying actions and linking to resources<sup>2</sup> that:

- Strengthen the child's academic progress, especially in the area of reading;
- Strengthen the child's citizenship, especially social skills and respect for others;
- Strengthen the child's realization of high expectations and setting lifelong learning goals; and
- Emphasize communication between the school and the home.

## ACADEMIC

- Support reading with age appropriate home activities.
- Ensure that your child has a consistent time and place to do homework.
- Ensure that your child has access to materials needed to complete assignments.
- Discuss school work regularly with your child.
- Attend workshops on helping your child at home.
- Visit the local library and encourage your child to check out books of interest.
- Read to/with your child on a daily basis.
- Set an example by reading in your home and discussing what you've read with your child.
- Ask your child to explain his/her math homework.
- Emphasize the importance of education and doing one's best in school.

## **RESOURCES:**

- ✓ [Just Take 20](#)
- ✓ [Just Read, Families!](#)
- ✓ [FloridaShines.org](#)
- ✓ [Florida Standards Family and Student Resources](#)
- ✓ [Floridastudents.org](#)
- ✓ [AskALibrarian.org](#)
- ✓ [Exceptional Student Education Parent Involvement](#)
- ✓ [Special Education Toolkit](#)

## CITIZENSHIP

- Teach and reinforce positive behaviors such as respect for self and others, hard work and responsibility.
- Ensure that your child has a regular routine.
- Encourage your child to accept responsibility for his/her actions.
- Ensure that your child is in attendance and on time to school each day.
- Monitor and promote your child's participation in extracurricular and after-school activities.
- Monitor your child's television viewing.
- Reinforce the school's behavioral expectations.

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<sup>1</sup> Reference Florida Statute 1002.23(3). The Florida Parent Checklist must be issued each school year to all parents of students in grades K-12. <sup>2</sup> Resource links related to academics, citizenship, goal-setting, and communication should be considered as a guide to assist in the discovery of information to strengthen parental involvement.

## **RESOURCES:**

- ✓ [Positive Behavior Support Home Matrix](#)
- ✓ [Positive Solutions for Families Brochure](#)
- ✓ [Helping Your Child Become a Responsible Citizen](#)
- ✓ [Bullying Prevention](#)
- ✓ [Engaging Youth in Service](#)

## **SETTING GOALS**

- Express the belief in your child's ability to be successful.
- Encourage your child to set short- and long term- educational goals.
- Celebrate academic accomplishments.

## **RESOURCES:**

- ✓ [MyCareerShines Kuder Navigator®](#)
- ✓ [CareerHelp Kids Start to Think Abouts](#)
- ✓ [Financing Future Education Goals](#)

## **SCHOOL TO HOME COMMUNICATION**

- Communicate regularly with your child's teacher(s) in person, by telephone, through email or writing.
- Prepare for and attend parent-teacher conferences and/or other individualized student meetings, such as Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) or Academic Improvement Plan meetings.
- Attend open houses, science fairs, plays and musical performances, field trips, sporting events, curriculum nights and other school activities.
- Volunteer in the school setting when possible.

## **RESOURCES:**

- ✓ [Tips for Communicating With Teachers Effectively](#)
- ✓ [Parent-Teacher Conference Tip Sheets](#)
- ✓ [The Parent-Teacher Conference](#)

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