

FLORIDA PARENT CHECKLIST

The purpose of the Florida Parent Checklist¹ is to support parent's involvement in their child's educational progress by identifying actions and linking to resources² 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](#) - Justtake20.org
- ✓ [Just Read, Families!](#) - [Fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/families](http://fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/families)
- ✓ [FloridaShines.org](#) - Floridashines.org/
- ✓ [Florida Standards Family and Student Resources](#) - [Fldoe.org/academics/standards/florida-standards/student-family-resources.stml](http://fldoe.org/academics/standards/florida-standards/student-family-resources.stml)
- ✓ [Floridastudents.org](#) - Floridastudents.org
- ✓ [AskALibrarian.org](#) - Askalibrarian.org
- ✓ [Exceptional Student Education-Parent Involvement](#) - Forparents.florida-ese.org
- ✓ [Special Education Toolkit](#) - Pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3715&navItemNumber=3728

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.

¹ 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.

² 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](#)
- Flpbs.fmhi.usf.edu/revision07/family/PBS%20Home%20Matrix.pdf
- Flpbs.fmhi.usf.edu/revision07/schoolwide/schoolexamples/Parent-Community%20Buy-In/Positive%20Solutions%20for%20Families%20Brochure.pdf
- Ed.gov/parents/academic/help/citizen/index.html
- Fldoe.org/schools/safe-healthy-schools/safe-schools/bullying-prevention.stml
- Youth.gov/youth-topics/civic-engagement-and-volunteering/how-can-youth-be-successfully-engaged-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®](#)
- ✓ [Help Kids Start to Think About Careers](#)
- ✓ [Financing Future Education Goals](#)
- Mycareershines.org
- Kids.usa.gov/teens/jobs/
- Floridashines.org/go-to-college/pay-for-college

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](#)
- Pta.org/programs/content.cfm?ItemNumber=1758
- Hfrp.org/var/hfrp/storage/fckeditor/File/Parent-Teacher-ConferenceTipSheet-100610.pdf
- Readingrockets.org/pdfs/edextras/19842-en.pdf