

WHEN TO GET INVOLVED AND WHEN TO STEP BACK

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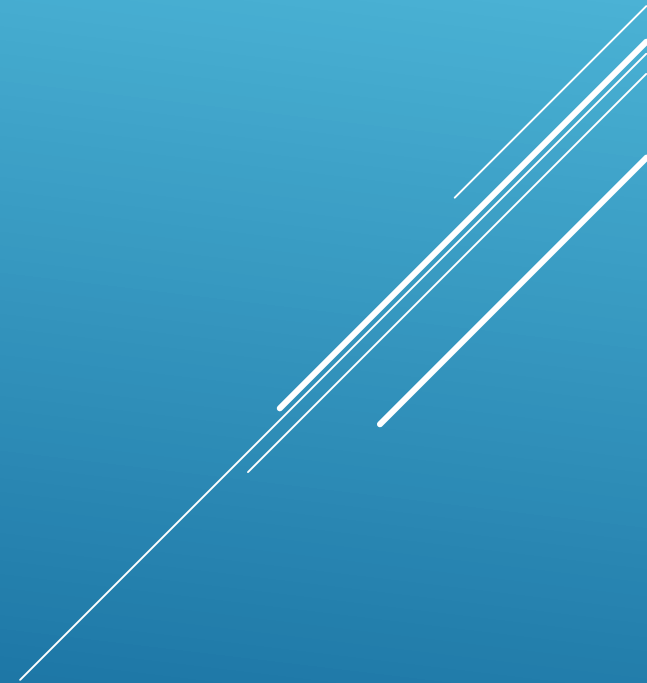
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▶ Pop Quiz Time!

WE'RE GOING TO START WITH AN EASY ONE.

READY?

RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU'VE EVER
DONE YOUR CHILDREN'S
HOMEWORK FOR THEM.





Doing homework for kids is the cardinal sin of parenting!

When you do homework for kids, it hurts them in the following ways:

- Teachers cannot see their strengths and weaknesses and therefore cannot help them.
- They cannot see their own strengths and weaknesses, which gives them a false sense of security.
- Kids fail to learn about deadlines and how to prepare for them.
- Kids fail to learn responsibility.
- Kids fail to learn. Period. Homework is about teaching and if children don't do it, they are not learning.
- It sets kids up for failure when it comes to tests and quizzes.


Instead:

1. Help kids understand their homework and direct them to appropriate resources.
2. Show them how to use their planners to record assignments, tests, and quizzes.
3. If they're unsure about the assignment, encourage them to contact a trusted peer and then follow up with the teacher the next day.

The key is to send the message that homework is THEIR responsibility, not yours!

RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU'VE EVER
SAID ANY VERSION OF THESE WORDS:

“I’LL CALL/EMAIL YOUR TEACHER
TOMORROW AND ASK IF SHE’LL LET
YOU RE-DO/TURN IN LATE/DROP THAT
ASSIGNMENT.”

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Always insist that kids take responsibility for advocating for themselves. Why?

- It helps them understand that just like you have a job, they have a job too – school.
- It raises their self-esteem in a healthy, authentic way.
- It helps them develop valuable communication skills that will serve them well in college and in their career.
- It makes them face the consequences of their actions so they are less inclined to make the same mistake twice.
- It teaches them that making a mistake or doing poorly in their work does not mean the game is over, just that they have to try harder.

QUESTION 3

RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU KNOW, AND COMMENT ON, EVERY QUIZ, TEST, PROJECT, AND ESSAY GRADE YOUR CHILD EARNS.



True or False:

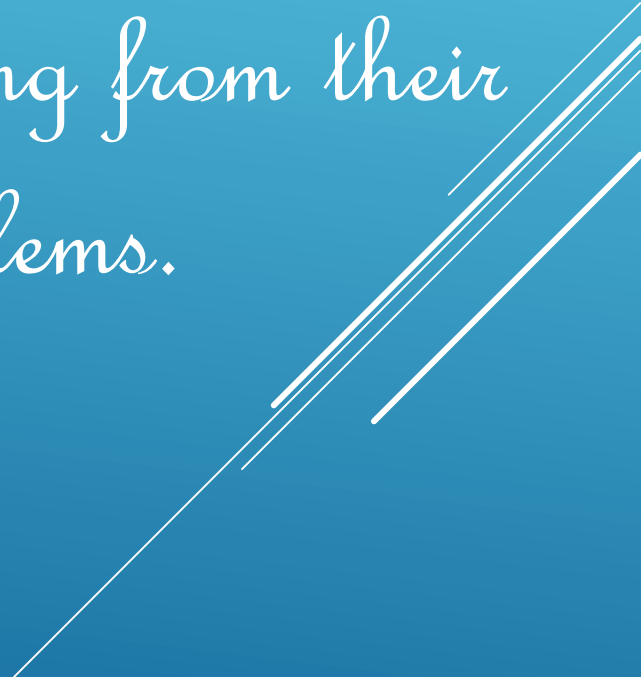
If your parents had known about every grade you got, you would have been in BIG trouble.

Kids are under a great deal of stress and pressure to compete, to reach their goals, and to please you.

Remember that one grade is exactly that – one grade. Try to keep it in perspective.

The only grade that will appear on the transcript is the final one. So look for PATTERNS, rather than isolated scores.

Kids become independent when they have confidence in their ability to problem-solve and make good decisions. This won't happen unless they are given the opportunity to practice. Don't deprive your kids of learning from their mistakes and working through their own problems.



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