

## **Tips For Parents**

### **Responsibilities & Attendance**

- \* It is important that your child attend school regularly and that he/she has the necessary school supplies.
- \* Provide the school with current personal information ( e.g. home address, phone numbers, emergency contact information)
- \*Be sure your child gets enough sleep and has a healthy breakfast each morning.
- \*Explain that taking responsibility sometimes requires courage. Praise your child's efforts to be responsible.
- \*Regularly tell your child what your expectations are and support his/her efforts to meet those expectations.
- \*Over-scheduling can cause stress and frustration for both parents and children. Try to limit extracurricular activities.

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### **Communication**

- \*Meet and communicate regularly with your child's teacher(s). (e.g. phone, E-mail, notes)
- \*Share information about your child with the teacher(s).
- \*Talk daily with your child about school assignments, homework and other activities.
- \*Be aware of all homework assignments and insist they be completed accurately and on time.
- \*Attend all scheduled parent-teacher conferences and request conferences to address concerns.
- \*Make sure all necessary forms and papers are signed and returned to school on time.
- \*Access the District ([www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com)) or school's Web site for information.

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### **Support**

- \*Provide a quiet, well-lighted, comfortable place to study and do homework.
- \*Encourage positive feelings about school.
- \*Encourage your child's efforts and be responsive to questions and requests for help.
- \*Instill in your child a sense of self-discipline and respect for all people.
- \*If your child needs a mentor, contact the school's mentor coordinator.
- \*If needed, request information and assistance from the school in other languages or call the Parent Outreach office at 754-321-2951.

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### **Literacy & Academic Achievement**

- \*Help your child understand that success in school, or with anything, involves hard work.
- \*Encourage learning and reading at home.
- \*Provide a wide selection of books and encourage your child to read.
- \*Read with your child every day and set a good example by reading and sharing information.
- \*Acquire a library card for your child and make regular trips to the

library.

\*Provide tutorial assistance for your child if needed.

\*Monitor your child's progress in school.

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### **Volunteering & Mentoring**

\*Contact the school's staff liaison for volunteers to learn about volunteer opportunities.

\*Visit your child's classroom and participate in activities when appropriate.

\*Donate supplies and craft items that can be used in the classroom.

\*Become involved in planning and conducting school activities, events and fundraisers.

\*Mentor a child. Contact the school's mentor coordinator.

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### **Leadership & Collaboration**

\*Learn about and attend PTA, PTO, SAF, SAC, ESOL Leadership Council, ESE Advisory and Gifted Advisory Councils.

\*Become involved with the Title I Executive Parent Advisory Council. Call 754-321-1410 for more information.

\*Become involved with the Head Start Policy Council. Call 754-321-1950 for more information.

\*Attend workshops and training programs offered by the school or school district.

\*Share information with other parents. Learn about school policies, education funding and legislation.

\*Monitor the educational support, policies and decisions of elected officials and maintain contact with them.

\*Attend School Board meetings and learn about the decision making process.

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