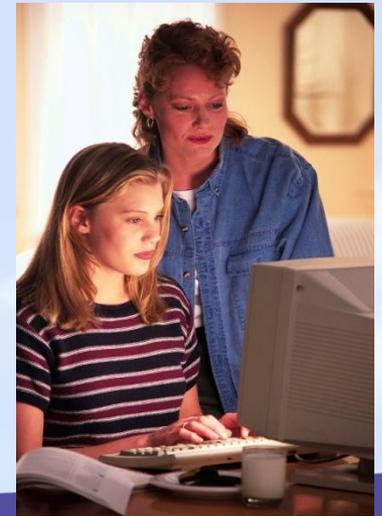


What else can I do to help my child be successful in school?



Continue to Develop and Use Your First/Home Language

- Teachers want to encourage you and your family to continue using your first language at home. If students are good readers and writers in their first language, these skills will transfer to reading and writing in English.
- When students have a strong knowledge of the first language, it will ensure greater communication and connection with their parents during their post-adolescent years, especially when they want to hold dialogue that focuses on deeper, meaningful content.



Reading at home in first language

Enhances



learning English at school

Get Involved in your Child's Education at School





- ✓ take an interest in what your child is learning. Make it clear to your child that education is important and is valued.
- ✓ visit the classroom/school. Parents are encouraged to talk to teachers, counsellors or administrators. Remember: Multicultural Liaison Workers can help you understand the school system.
- ✓ go with your child to activities or events at the school. Volunteer at the school
- ✓ attend parent/teacher conferences
- ✓ attend the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings. Each school has a cooperative parent-teacher association which works together to support children and learning in public schools. Members of the PAC welcome ELL parents and would be pleased to provide interpreters if requested.
- ✓ encourage after school activities

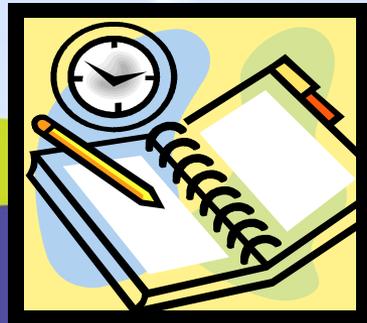


✓ Know that Physical Education (PE) and the Arts are valued in Canadian education and are required for graduation. All students must take PE until the end of Grade 10. Your positive reaction toward these subjects will influence your child's involvement and performance in class.



At Home

- ✓ Have a quiet place in your home where your child can do homework
- ✓ Help your child establish a balanced schedule of regular home study and leisure activities. Generally, 30-40 minutes of homework per class each evening is sufficient. This may vary depending on the assignment and whether or not he/she is studying for an exam.
 - Ask your child about homework or class assignments
 - Ask your child to summarize a particular idea or a chapter in a book
 - Allow your child to work with other classmates outside of school to discuss homework and to complete assignments. Often assignments group projects



TV and Computer

- ✓ limit television and computer games
- ✓ allow some TV in English and some in your home language



Supporting Your Child

- ✓ Maximize opportunities for your child to achieve social success. Encourage your child to enroll in community and extra-curricular school activities where English is used. These may include team sports, volunteer work, clubs or service groups, etc. Much can be gained by interacting with other students and by making use of the wide variety of school and community resources.



- ✓ **Ensure that a responsible adult lives in the home at all times. Canadian law requires this kind of support. A publicly funded education requires both the student and the parents to be ordinary residence in B.C.**



- ✓ **Teachers have found that students whose parents are present at home to provide daily guidance and encouragement generally make the most progress. As well, ensure that your child has adequate sleep and proper nutrition.**

LIBRARY

- ✓ visit the public library with your child
- ✓ borrow English books and bilingual books
- ✓ read e-books online



Encourage Your Child

- ✓ Encourage your child to strive towards realistic goals. Parents would do well to refrain from putting excessive pressure on their child or comparing him/her with peers.
- ✓ Your child may be working hard but may need more time to acquire the English skills necessary to attain better grades. Be patient.
- ✓ Contact your child's teachers or counsellor if you have concerns.

