

# HELPING YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WITH HOMEWORK: 5 KEY TAKEAWAYS

## ENCOURAGE HEALTHY HABITS

Create a time and place for doing homework. Routines build habits and can help students succeed!

## GUIDE, DON'T DO

Encourage trying their hardest and explain your expectations for them. Your role is to support them as they take on new skills. If they don't understand, reach out to the teacher or help them to reach out and ask for help!

## TALK ABOUT LEARNING, NOT JUST GRADES

Ask questions like: What did you learn today? What part was fun or interesting? Tricky?  
Help them write down homework steps & check off when completed.  
Review the school's portal to track missing assignments.

## CHECK IN

Make an appointment to check in with their teachers. If your school has family conferences, that can be a good time for a check in. Bring your middle schooler along to take part in the process!

## KEEP HOMEWORK IN PERSPECTIVE

Remember, homework is to help master the skills your middle schooler is learning during the day. Homework is just one piece of the puzzle for success in school!