

Middle School to High School Transition Tips for Families

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Regardless of our love and protection, wisdom, and effort, children will move outside of our control.

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Families Can:



Listen to your child, don't give any unsolicited advice. Keep the lines of communication open. Be interested and enthusiastic about what your child is doing.



Understand student options for classes and long-term effects of course decisions.



Connect with other families, share ideas and tips, support each other.



Build relationships with school counselor and teachers. Communicate regularly.



Stay involved in school activities. Attend sporting, musical/drama events, and volunteer in any way that you can.



Help your child stay connected with friends through cell phones, email, facebook, etc.



Encourage your child to join clubs, go to school activities. Help by driving your child to and from the after school events.



Contact your child's teachers. Discuss your goals for your child for high school. Explain your child's strengths, learning strategies, accommodations, modifications that have been successful.



Check out the high school website. Most have a wealth of information, useful for families!