

## What if my Teen doesn't want me Involved at School?

Parent involvement at school sometimes decreases in the middle and high school years. Maturing teens have a need to develop a sense of self and independence; however, it is important to remember that you, as a parent, still have a strong influence on your teenager's life. Remain involved at home and continue to provide support as your child approaches adolescence:

- Keep the lines of communication open.
- Supply your child with honest and accurate information on the many issues teens face. Set fair and consistent rules.
- Work with your child to set appropriate limits. Be sure your child understands the purpose behind the rules. Support your child's future.
- Continue to show that education is important.
- Set a good example.
- Show concern for, and be involved in, the school and the community.
- Continue to create time for your family to do activities together.

**YOU** are the biggest influence on your child's life... use that influence to put your child on the pathway to success!

## What if my Family needs Help?

It is hard for a student to focus and succeed at school if there are needs at home. Here are some school and community contacts for assistance.

### PHYSICAL ASSISTANCE:

District Homeless Liaison 260-665-2854

Steuben County Literacy 260-665-1414



Community Resources 211

Project Help Food & Clothing Assistance 260-665-9697

Bright Point Utilities & Housing Assistance 800-589-3506

Steuben County Division of Family Resources 800-403-0864

Turning Point Shelter 260-665-9191

### SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL SERVICES

Northeastern Center 260-665-9494

Bowen Center 260-624-3741

All of our schools have counselors and social workers to assist you and help your child succeed.



**Parent Involvement =  
STUDENT SUCCESS**



## METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STEUBEN COUNTY

**Angola High**  
260-665-2186

**Angola Middle**  
260-665-9581

**Carlin Park E**  
260-665-2014

**Hendry Park E**  
260-665-3215

**Ryan Park E**  
260-668-8873

**Pleasant Lake E**  
260-475-5055

## Why should you be involved with your child's education?

Research shows that parental support is more important to school success than a student's IQ, economic status or school setting. Parents influence everything from their child's reading level to test scores. The benefits of parental involvement include:

- Higher grades and test scores
- Better behavior and more positive attitudes
- Higher graduation rates
- Better attendance at school
- More homework completed
- Greater enrollment in postsecondary education



## What are the best ways to be involved?

Parental involvement begins at home. By creating a positive home environment and encouraging communication, you are stimulating the learning process. Some simple ways to promote learning are to:

- Encourage Reading and Writing
- Make School a Priority
- Speaking positively about your child's teachers and counselors
- Talking to your child about the benefits of education
- Making sure your child goes to school on time, every day
- Attending school functions, including parent-teacher conferences and open houses
- Answering phone calls and notes from your child's teachers

## What can I do at home to help my child succeed?

There are many ways to be involved in your child's school success in the comfort of your own home.

- Make sure your child has a good breakfast and arrives at school well-rested. This helps your child stay alert and engaged.
- Help your child create a routine for completing homework by setting a regular time and providing a quiet place to complete assignments.
- Ask your child what he or she learned in school each day.
- Limit the amount of time your child watches television or plays computer/video games. Monitor what they watch and play.
- Praise and encourage your child often.
- Celebrate your child's successes. Everyone has strengths, so help your child focus on the things he or she does well.

## Homework & Reading

Schedule time to Read at Home.

There are many online sites that can help you with assisting in your child's homework.

KAHNAcademy <https://www.khanacademy.org/>  
studygeek <http://www.studygeek.org/>  
B.J. Pinchbeck's <http://bjpinchbeck.com/>



## How can I be involved with my child's school?

While home involvement is most important, your involvement with the school is also critical to your child's success. How can you get more involved with your child's school life? There are a number of ways:

- Attend open houses and back-to-school nights
- Read school newsletters
- Participate in after-school events
- Get to know your child's teachers
- Support your child in school activities
- Volunteer to assist with school functions and activities
- Join the parent-teacher organization
- Visit your child's school frequently. Call and make an appointment to talk to your child's counselors and teachers.

By visiting the school, you can discover:

- How your child is doing on class work
- How your child interacts with others
- If the teacher is having disciplinary problems with your child
- What activities you can do at home to help your child in school