

SP³ - Student Planning Pointers for Parents



Conversation Starters

Too Much Help can Hurt Your Student – 9th Grade

You know your student the best, so the following talking points are simply a guideline to use in starting a conversation with your 9th grader about being self-sufficient and how that can help lead to success in the future.

- ▶ Have you been wishing that we would stop treating you like a kid and start treating you like an adult? Well, here is some good news: we want to treat you like an adult. All that needs to happen is that you need to take more responsibility for yourself.
- ▶ We will continue to tell you about the things you need to be doing to set yourself up for future success, but it will be up to you to actually take these actions.
- ▶ You need to understand that us checking in with you to see if you got things done is not us assuming that you blew it off or didn't do what you are supposed to; instead, this is just our job as parents to hold you accountable, like your boss at work.
- ▶ Ultimately, you will be successful in the future because you are self-motivated and self-sufficient. That's what we want you to be.



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