

SP³ - Student Planning Pointers for Parents



Conversation Starters

Staying Focused and on Track Pays Off – 11th Grade

You know your student the best, so the following talking points are simply a guideline to use in starting a conversation with your 11th grader that now is the time to discuss that the 11th grade year is not the time for complacency. Your student's chosen pathway to education or training after high school should be kept in mind this year, and daily attendance and good grades remain very important to academic and future career success.

- ▶ Sometimes I find it hard to be motivated to go to work, but I make myself do it anyway. Otherwise, I risk losing my job and failing my co-workers who have to do more or can't move forward without my input.
- ▶ Sometimes you may not be motivated to go to class, but like me, you need to make yourself do it so you don't fall behind and hurt your grades and your future.
- ▶ Talk to me when you're feeling this way so we can figure out what may be happening and develop some strategies to help you stay motivated.
- ▶ I know that taking difficult classes and getting good grades is hard work, but you are developing a work ethic that will be critical to your success later in life.
- ▶ Let's set a goal for your attendance. If you miss no more than _____, we will give you a reward of _____.
- ▶ High school is your unpaid job. If you are unable to attend regularly, privileges like your game console, cell phone or car keys may need to be taken to reduce distractions until you are at school at least 90% of the time.



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