



Top 10 Ways to Help Your Student Succeed



1. Regular Communication between parents and teachers is key to improving student achievement. As a parent, you know your child better than anyone else - you know your child's strengths and weaknesses. Let us know if there are strategies that better help your child succeed.
2. Encourage Learning at Home. Ask your student to tell you three things they learn each day to allow them to dive into concepts they have learned outside of the classroom.
3. Ask your child to teach you a different math problem at night. And never say the following - "I wasn't good at math either." Our students have the ability to achieve anything, and we don't want them to lower personal expectations.
4. Encourage your child to read every day - especially in the summer. Encourage them to not limit it to class readings but to branch out to books that match their interests.
5. Talk to your student about the graduation credits system and the grade point average calculation. Encourage your student to check powerschool regularly and know their grade point average and number of credits at ALL times.
6. Monitor computer and phone use. Research indicates that the average teenager spends more than 7 hours per day in front of a screen (television, computer, Ipad, video games, phone, etc.)
7. Join the PTO! We would love to meet with you on a regular basis to improve every facet of Northern High School. You can follow them on instagram @northern_high_school_pto or you can join their remind by texting @8chdn to 81010.

8. Encourage your child to try something new! There are lots of different clubs, organizations and teams at Northern. Research shows that students are happier and more successful when they are connected to something positive at school.
9. Sign up for Northern's Friday Message by sending a blank email to NHS-SBDMC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Make sure our guidance office has your correct phone numbers (home, cell, work, etc.). Be sure to visit the website regularly and follow our social media pages!
10. Ask your student's teachers the following questions during Open House:
 - a. How should I best prepare my child for your class?
 - b. How much homework do you assign? Are homework grades based on accuracy or completion?
 - c. What should my child know when they leave your class?
 - d. What is the grade distribution? In other words, how much does homework, quizzes, tests, papers, projects, etc. count?
 - e. How should my child study for assessments in your class?
 - f. What are the best resources (websites, books, etc.) we can use to supplement your course material?