

Academic Achievement

A key desired outcome for Middle School Mentoring Moments is for mentees to develop stronger academic skills. Please feel free to utilize any of the 24 suggested strategies listed below to support your mentee in reaching a higher level of achievement in the classroom.

1. Assist students in setting goals. Setting attainable realistic goals that express high expectations for academics and behavior is an essential skill for our middle school students.
2. Work closely with the school site and teachers to determine how you can support academic needs.
3. Support your students in acquiring skills to be successful in school. You will find activities in “Strategies for Success” section.
4. Assist your students in completing homework assignments. If you have questions, feel free to confer with a school staff member.
5. Assist your students with time management skills in order to complete homework and classroom assignments in a timely manner. Check your mentee’s academic planner which should have detailed information regarding assignment due dates.
6. Go to school library and emphasize reading as a social activity.
7. Assist students with school projects.
8. Read a book together and ask questions (6th and 7th Grade Reading List enclosed).
9. Help students learn new vocabulary words when reading books so that students can relate the words to the context of the story.
10. Assist students to practice math facts and encourage them to use “Beat the Computer Math Drills” on the Long Beach Unified School District Website.
11. Discuss with students how to establish a budget, balance a check book, save and invest.
12. Write “Thank you notes.”
13. Encourage students to write in journals.
14. Share information regarding your cultural background.

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15. Encourage students to have open honest conversations with teachers and parents regarding grades and progress.
16. Direct students towards resources to assist them with academic assignments.
17. Encourage students to take advantage of interventions offered at school.
18. Help students to monitor progress by self reflecting.
19. Help students to listen and actively participate in classroom discussions.
20. Assist students in their awareness of requirements and choices for high school and college.
21. Share your own career experiences and talk to students about career options.
22. Discuss good health and nutrition.
23. Discuss good study habits.
- 24. Be patient, maintain a good sense of humor and have fun!**