

BOYS' LITERACY TIPS

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Parents Hold the Key

Parental involvement in their child's learning results in improved student achievement, increased attendance, and better behaviour. However, as the child progresses through his intermediate and high school years, there tends to be a noticeable decline in parental involvement. There are many reasons for this decline: adolescents tend to discourage their parents from being involved in the school; high schools tend to be bigger and farther from home; the curriculum is more demanding and sophisticated; and, adolescents are starting to develop a sense of autonomy and independence from their parents. Quite often, parents and educators view this growing sense of independence as a signal to back off. Yet, many studies show that high school students believe they can do better at school if they know their parents are interested in their school work and expect them to succeed. So, what can a parent do to stay involved in their child's learning? Parents can:



- continue to monitor their teen's homework and encourage him to keep reading;
- help their child make post secondary plans and select courses which best support these plans;
- attend school events and maintain communication with the school, especially with teachers and guidance counsellors;
- participate on the school council.

For further information about ways in which parents can support their child's learning, visit www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123.



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For additional tips and strategies, go to http://www.eqao.com/pdf_e/10/Sgrg_Xe_0410.pdf

Important Reminder

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will be administered on Thursday, April 8, 2010.

In preparing students, each secondary school is involved in a full-scale blitz of literacy test preparations which entail literacy-embedded instruction, audio-visual announcements and preparatory materials.

For more details about the test, please see the brochure, entitled "[Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test: A Guide for Parents and Students](#)". This brochure can be accessed by going to the Parent link on our board's website or by clicking on the title highlighted above.