



# Family & Educator Partnership



## It's Report Card Time!

*Now that you have it...here is what you do with it:*

### Do:

Remember what you say to your child can leave a lasting impression.

Talk with your child, gain his or her ideas for ways to improve grades, and set goals with your child for the next reporting period.

Say, "I appreciate your efforts."

Contact your child's teacher with questions about the report card.

Try to engage your child in a discussion about his or her report card and... LISTEN to what your child is saying and feeling.

Allow your child's report card to remain a private document between you and your child.

Recognize and encourage the work your child has made to improve his or her grades.

Say "thanks" to the educators who took extra time to help improve your child's grades.

Remember to make the extra effort to work in partnership with your child and your child's school!

### Don't:

Don't use physical punishment for poor grades.

Don't ridicule, blame or belittle your child or the school program.

Don't compare your child's report card to those received by other children in your family.

Don't forget to notice your child's marks in the "attitude" and "effort" section. These are important too!

Don't fail to contact the teachers of those classes in which your child receives less than a satisfactory grade.

Don't allow your child to ignore an "incomplete" grade.

Don't forget to say, "I'm proud of you" or "I'm interested in helping you improve."

Don't forget to work in partnership with your child and your child's school.

Don't forget to say, "I love you."

**If you think you may lose control in dealing with your child, call the crisis center line in your city or county.**

### QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Contact your child's school and talk with the teachers, guidance counselor or principal.

### OTHER QUESTIONS?

Contact the Family & Educator Partnership, Central Rivers Area Education Agency: Loni Jorgenson, 800.392.6640 or 641.355.4242 or April Wooldridge, 641.485.9166 or 641-753-3564



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