



MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT CHECKLIST

The purpose of the Martin County School District Parent Checklist¹ is to support parent’s involvement in their child’s educational progress by identifying actions and linking to resources² that:

- Strengthen the child’s academic progress, especially in the area of reading;
- Strengthen the child’s citizenship, especially social skills and respect for others;
- Strengthen the child’s realization of high expectations and setting lifelong learning goals; and
- Emphasize communication between the school and the home.

ACADEMIC

- Support reading with age appropriate home activities.
- Ensure that your child has a consistent time and place to do homework.
- Ensure that your child has access to materials needed to complete assignments.
- Discuss school work regularly with your child.
- Attend workshops on helping your child at home.
- Visit the local library and encourage your child to check out books of interest.
- Read to/with your child on a daily basis.
- Set an example by reading in your home and discussing what you’ve read with your child.
- Ask your child to explain his/her homework.
- Emphasize the importance of education and doing one’s best in school.

RESOURCES:

<p>Just Take 20 http://www.justtake20.org/ Practical, easy-to-implement reading activities that establish literacy as a lifelong value.</p>	<p>AskALibrarian.org https://askalibrarian.org/ The human search engine</p>
<p>Just Read, Families! http://www.fl DOE.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/families Suggestions and resources to help build your child's reading skills.</p>	<p>Floridastudents.org http://www.floridastudents.org/ Source for Florida Standards Student Tutorials and Resources.</p>
<p>Florida Standards Family and Student Resources http://www.fl DOE.org/academics/standards/florida-standards/student-family-resources.stm Resources and information to help prepare your child for success in each grade level</p>	<p>FloridaShines.org https://www.floridashines.org/ FloridaShines works with the state's 40 colleges and universities and other partners to help you succeed in school and beyond. Check your transcript. Register for an online course. Search libraries across the state. And a whole lot more. All designed to help you shine.</p>
<p>Exceptional Student Education- Parent Involvement Forparents.florida-ese.org</p>	<p>Special Education Toolkit http://www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3715&navItemNumber=3728</p>

¹Reference Florida Statute 1002.23(3). The Florida parent Checklist must be issued each school year to all parents of students in grades K-12.

²Resource links related to academics, citizenship, goal-setting, and communication should be considered as a guide to assist in the discovery of information to strengthen parental involvement.

CITIZENSHIP

- Teach and reinforce positive behaviors such as respect for self and others, hard work and responsibility.
- Ensure that your child has a regular routine.
- Encourage your child to accept responsibility for his/her actions.
- Ensure that your child is in attendance and on time to school each day.
- Monitor and promote your child's participation in extracurricular and after-school activities.
- Monitor your child's internet and social media access and television viewing.
- Reinforce the school's behavioral expectations.

RESOURCES:

Positive Behavior Support Home Matrix http://flpbs.fmhi.usf.edu/resources_family.cfm	Bullying Prevention Fldoe.org/schools/safe-healthy-schools/safe-schools/bullying-prevention.stml
Positive Solutions for Families Brochure http://flpbs.fmhi.usf.edu/resources_family.cfm	Engaging Youth in Service Youth.gov/youth-topics/civic-engagement-and-volunteering/how-can-youth-be-successfully-engaged-service
Helping Your Child Become a Responsible Citizen http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/citizen/index.html	Become a Martin County School District Volunteer http://www.martinschools.org/pages/Martin_County_School_District/Departments/Instructional_Services/Volunteer_Services

SETTING GOALS

- Express the belief in your child's ability to be successful.
- Encourage your child to set short- and long term- educational goals.
- Celebrate academic accomplishments.

RESOURCES:

MyCareerShines Kuder Navigator® https://www.floridashines.org/find-a-career/mycareershines/	Help Kids Start to Think About Careers https://kids.usa.gov/teens/jobs/index.shtml
Financing Future Education Goals https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/pay-for-college	

SCHOOL TO HOME COMMUNICATION

- Communicate regularly with your child's teacher(s) in person, by telephone, through email or writing.
- Prepare for and attend parent-teacher conferences and/or other individualized student meetings, such as Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) or progress monitoring meetings.
- Attend open houses, science fairs, plays and musical performances, field trips, sporting events, curriculum nights and other school activities.
- Volunteer in the school setting when possible.

RESOURCES:

Tips for Communicating With Teachers Effectively http://www.pta.org/programs/content.cfm?ItemNumber=1758	The Parent-Teacher Conference Readingrockets.org/pdfs/edextras/19842-en.pdf
Parent-Teacher Conference Tip Sheets http://www.hfrp.org/var/hfrp/storage/fckeditor/File/Parent-Teacher-ConferenceTipSheet-100610.pdf	