

TABLE 12.8 Eight Keys for Helping Children Find Success at School

1. Let your child know you value achievement in school.
2. Help your child to develop strong language skills.
3. Parents must make their children understand that they believe their children *will* be successful both in school and, later, in the workplace.
4. Parents must provide a strong family support system for their children.
5. Parents who nurture a strong family bond at home help their children to develop a positive image of themselves and their culture and to gain the self-confidence necessary to meet the challenges they face at school and in the community.
6. Help your child understand that, with preparation and hard work, his or her future can be bright. Instant success stories do not usually happen in real life. The great majority of successful adults had to deal with many challenges and obstacles along the way.
7. Do not let your child use cultural biases or prejudices held by people at school or in the community as an excuse for failure.
8. Parents should become involved in their child's school and extracurricular activities. By encouraging a social bond with the school and the community, they will help him or her to grow in confidence and self-esteem.

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