

Academic Support Strategies for Parents

In order to achieve success in school, it is important for students to develop effective organizational skills and positive study habits and to dedicate daily time to homework completion and studying for tests. Please use the strategies below to support your student at home.

- ✓ Check the online Synergy Gradebook with your student on a regular basis. www.alpenaschools.com
- ✓ If you do not have internet, you can get a weekly printout from our main office.
- ✓ Contact teachers with questions. E-mail addresses are available on Synergy and our website under "High School Staff Directory." You can always call 358-5200 for teacher extensions.
- ✓ Encourage your student to see teachers with questions. Remember that any missing work will negatively affect a student's grade. You can check with your student's teacher by email to see if late work can be turned in.
- ✓ Require your student to bring home necessary homework materials and ask to see them daily.
- ✓ Establish a regular study time and location at home.
- ✓ You can receive live homework help with the internet by doing searches that provide instant assistance (ex. Khan Academy, WebMATH, etc.); tutoring is also available on Monday and Wednesday in the Wildcat Den from 2:45-3:45 with a certified teacher.
- ✓ Monitor your student's attendance; there are daily robo calls for unexcused absences. The AHS attendance policy can be found on our website and/or call Mrs. Clark @ 358-5289.
- ✓ Discuss and set realistic short and long-term academic and behavioral goals.
- ✓ Encourage your student to find a study partner.
- ✓ Acknowledge and praise your student's effort often.
- ✓ Provide necessary school supplies. Re-check supplies needed each semester.
- ✓ Have discussions about post-secondary plans. (What do they plan to study? Where are they going to attend college or trade school? What high school classes should they take to prepare? Etc.)
- ✓ Ask your student about their Educational Development Plan (EDP). All students will complete and review their EDP annually.

Please contact your student's counselor if you wish to further discuss strategies for improvement.

Counselors:

- A-E Shannon Studley 358-5214
- F-L Sue Riedlinger 358-5215
- M-R Andrea Linton 358-5213
- S-Z Robyn Miller 358-5275

Principals:

- A-L Mike Buchinger 358-5310
- M-Z John Caplis 358-5219

Dean of Student Supports:

- Eric Mitchell 358-5307

It is our goal at Alpena High School to work with you to help your student achieve maximum academic success. Please review your student's grades on Synergy. Thank you for your support.