

Why is a high school DIPLOMA so important?



The national high school graduation rate in 2011 was 69% for non-Hispanic students...

BUT ONLY

55% for Hispanic students

34% of high school graduates are ready to succeed in a four-year college...

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20% of Hispanic high school graduates are ready to succeed in a four-year college

YORK COUNTY
TRUANCY PREVENTION
INITIATIVE



The mission of the York County Truancy Prevention Initiative is to reduce the truant population in York County by establishing a protocol for improved communication, instituting a consistent response to this issue, and initiating interventions.

The York County Truancy Prevention Initiative is an initiative of United Way of York County in partnership with the York County Bar Foundation

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Working with Hispanic Families

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Your children will have a
BRIGHT FUTURE with
help from you...



and by focusing on their
EDUCATION.

PARENTS involved in their
children's education are
PARENTS WITH A VOICE

Collaborate with your child's school!

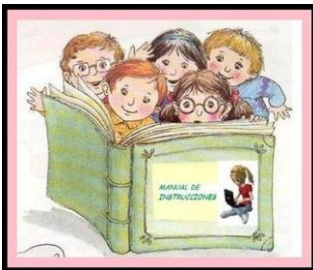
Schools have the responsibility to ensure that **ALL students** succeed.

When your child misses school no one benefits.

Parents and students may have to go to court and/or pay a fine.

JUST AS IMPORTANT, missing school affects your child's academic progress.

MORE BOOKS LESS TELEVISION



Tips to encourage reading

Read to your child as much as possible!

What you read is not important.

When your child sees you reading recipes, magazines, newspapers, and books you will enforce the importance of reading.

Hispanic Parents and the American School System

Many Hispanic parents may lack the knowledge, tools or experience to help their children succeed academically.

Many Hispanic parents do not know how to navigate the American school system.

The American school system is not always equipped to adequately welcome & assist Latinos.

LEARN how the system works

KNOW your rights and responsibilities

ADVOCATE for your child



FINANCING COLLEGE

Parents may not be aware that, regardless of their economic situation, there are options to pay for college via grants, loans, and scholarships.

PREPARE financially for college **NOW**

SEEK advice

LEARN about the availability of state, federal and private financial resources.

WHAT

CAN

YOU

DO?

Get your child to school **ON TIME**.

Pick your child up from school **AT DISMISSAL TIME** (not earlier).

Take your child to doctors' appointments **AFTER** school dismisses (**NOT** during the school day).

Only take your child on vacation when there is a **SCHOOL HOLIDAY** or **during the summer**.

GET TO KNOW YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER(S)



DO

NOT:

Keep your child with you during the school day because you need help with translation.

Allow your child to miss school in order to watch younger children.