

● Review the school performance of your child's school

School performance measures how well students perform on end-of-year assessments in math, reading, science, and the English abilities of English learners. In addition, readiness and attendance are factored into a school's performance, as well as graduation in high school. The Framework recognizes every student, and each student receives a mastery, growth and readiness score. Review your school's data in the data book [available here](#).

● Understand your child's test scores and progress data

In addition, all parents should review their K-2 children's literacy [screener](#) results and their 3-12 [assessment](#) reports. These reports identify where students are doing well and where they need support. These [tools](#) help parents understand reports.

(NOTE: Children in Grades K-2 take literacy screeners three times a year, and parents receive reports with results on their growth in reading milestones to ensure they are on track.)

● Communicate with your child's teacher

Establishing a strong [Parent Teacher Partnership](#) is an important first step in communicating with teachers. Use the [parent conference planner](#) to meet with teachers about additional assistance that may be needed. Talk with teachers about what children should be learning, the materials used in the classroom, the strengths and needs of your child, and what can be done at home to support the learning at school.

● Develop learning routines at home

Parents can also support a child's success by being active in monitoring progress at home, reinforcing the learning goals, and celebrating achievements. The [VDOE Family Supports Hub](#) has parent resources in literacy, math, and non-academic barriers to help parents build strong learning routines at home. These include free books, games, videos, and resources in all subjects that reinforce what children are learning in their classroom at school.

To begin healthy morning and bedtime routines, see tips and resources on the parent [Reducing Non-academic Barriers page](#). For math and reading practice, start routines at home where children practice math and reading, completing three lessons a week and for 20 minutes each night. Your child's school may offer resources such as [Zearn](#) and [Lexia](#) to help at home.

For career exploration and readiness, learn more about the [3E Readiness Framework](#) and parents should ask their elementary principal, teacher, or counselor about the Academic and Career Plan Portfolio (ACPP), which will be developed as a student progresses towards middle school. Academic and Career Plan (ACP) that should be signed by the parent by the middle of 8th grade. The ACP should reflect a child's career interests and experiences leading to 3E Readiness High School experiences to prepare for postsecondary pathways.

● Consider volunteering and supporting school needs

Each school creates a yearly continuous improvement plan. These plans need support and community resources to achieve goals for all students. Ask to see the school's plan and consider volunteering to support activities that help achieve the school's goals.