

Tips for parents of Mr. McLean's math students:

1. Make school important at home:

- a. Don't let your student miss any part of school unless it is absolutely necessary
- b. Make sure your student knows that you think their education is important to you and to their future
- c. Show an interest in what they are learning not just what their grades are
- d. Talk to your student about their future goals and how education can help them meet those goals
- e. Show respect for all school personnel, especially in front of your student
- f. Get your Zangle password from the Counseling Office
- g. Check your Zangle account to check your student's progress
- h. Encourage your student to get 7-8 hours of sleep every night
- i. Encourage your student to eat three healthy meals everyday, especially breakfast

2. Make sure your student is doing, correcting, and understanding the homework as defined below

- a. Doing HW: The assignment schedule is posted online. Check that your student is completing assignments on time.
- b. Correcting HW: Students have the opportunity to check their HW answers and ask questions the next day in class. They are responsible for correcting their own HW. Check your student's previous night's HW for corrections and that all questions are answered.
- c. Understanding HW: The point of HW is not to just complete it as quickly as possible, the point of HW is to practice and understand a variety of problems. Have your student explain several problem solutions to you. Even if you do not understand what they are saying, you should be able to tell if they understand it. Encourage your student to redo HW problems that they had any trouble with.

3. Make sure your student is studying daily to prepare for tests

- a. Encourage your student to study throughout the chapter and not just wait until the night before the test.
- b. Have your student show you their notes each day and explain to you what they learned. Some students need to rewrite their notes before topics sink in.
- c. Have your student make a list for you of all the formulas and definitions they need to know for the test, and then quiz them informally.
- d. A review list of topics, also known as a "Can You? Sheet", for each test is posted online at the beginning of each chapter. Encourage your student to print this at the beginning of the chapter and refer to it after each lesson. Students should also find 2-3 HW problems that match each topic and practice those
- e. Doing as many math problems as possible is the best way to prepare for a math test. Students have access to a variety of problems from the book, worksheets, and online links. Encourage your student to do as many problems as possible.