

## Websites you should check out...

Waterloo Catholic District School Board

[www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca)

Student Success

<http://pathways.wcdsb.ca>

Guidance - High School and Beyond

<http://guidance.wcdsb.ca>

6 Ways - Transforming High School in Ontario

Explore Your Pathway Options:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/6ways>

“My son, Dave, was really stressed out about going to high school. He distanced himself from me and became very independent. It was hard to see him struggling so much, but I made sure I stayed involved in his education. Being supportive helped him stay on track.”



# Helpful Hints for Parents

Below are three important areas to focus on to ensure your child's success. Each area lists recommendations, potential warning signs, and some strategies to help you manage and address any potential issues.

\*Note: All 5 schools have auto-dialer which will call home and leave a message reporting student absences

## Attendance

Recommendations	Warning Sign	Strategy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students attend school each day.</li> <li>Students arrive to class on time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child is missing school more than 10% of the time.</li> <li>Your child's report card shows more absences than you expected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss your child's attendance record with the school administration and plan to ensure regular attendance.</li> <li>If your child is absent, ensure work is brought home, completed and submitted.</li> <li>Call the guidance counsellor</li> </ul>

## Homework and Submission of Assignments

Recommendations	Warning Sign	Strategy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 7-9 Students should spend 45 to 90 minutes on daily homework.</li> <li>Grade 10-12 students should spend 1.5 to 3 hours on daily homework.</li> <li>Complete and submit all assignments for evaluation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you do not see your child doing homework regularly or your child says, "I don't have any homework" on a regular basis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call the school or teacher and get informed about the situation.</li> <li>A student should be reading and self studying for the time recommended each day.</li> </ul>

## Organization and Time Management

Recommendations	Warning Sign	Strategy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take accurate notes and keep binders well organized.</li> <li>Use an agenda to plan for assignments, projects, quizzes and tests.</li> <li>Manage your study time so that you are preparing well in advance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child does not have or use an agenda.</li> <li>Your child's notebooks are disorganized and appear incomplete.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain an agenda for your child.</li> <li>Talk with your child to set up a time management and organizational plan.</li> <li>Monitor the use of the agenda and notebooks</li> </ul>

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