

A Few Words about Homework

According to a Department of Education Study:

1. **College success is linked to high school preparation.** Research shows that the easiest predictor of graduating from college is the high school grade point average. **However, even more important is the intensity and quality of the high school curriculum.** It is recognized that teacher expectations and course content and rigor can vary from school to school, but the bottom line is that students should take the most difficult courses possible and work hard to earn the highest grades possible.
2. Effort during high school is absolutely essential. **Homework matters.** Students completing 15 hours or more of homework a week attain almost 1.5 more years of education than average and 16% higher earnings than average.
3. Of all the high school courses, the highest level of mathematics taken is the most important for college success. The odds that a student will complete a bachelor's degree more than doubles if the student has completed pre-calculus while in high school.
4. Work habits developed in high school enhance a student's chance of success in college. Students that "wait to really work in college" find themselves requiring longer to complete a 4 year degree at a greater expense and loss of future earning power.