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Parent Chat:



What are your worries or fears about the return to school?

What can you do? How to help your kids transition back to school





Back to School "Countdown"

6 Highly Effective Strategies to Rebuild Structure & Routine



Compassionate Conversations

What does this look like?



5 Steps

- 1. Listen Actively
- 2. Listen for feelings
- Look for alternatives/evaluate consequences
- 4. Offer encouragement
- 5. Follow up later

Goal Setting

What does this look like? FLAC Method

S.M.A.R.T. Goals

Specific

What exactly lo you want to achieve?

Good goals area clear and defined

Measurable

How will you know when you've achieved it?

You will need to be able to track daily progress

Achievable

How can the goal be accomplished?

List the specific tasks you will need to complete

Relevant

Why is this goal important to you?

Does this goal help add to your plans for the future?

Time-bound

When do you want to achieve this goal?

Set your target date so you can guide your work toward a successful completion



F.L.A.C.

- 1. **Feelings:** Identify your teens feelings and show empathy
- 2. **Limits:** Remind your teen of the limits (guidelines) of the situation
- 3. **Alternatives:** Talk to your teen about how they can meet their goals within limits that you can live with.
- 4. **PRO-sequences:** Re-enforce the importance of the goal. What will happen if they achieve it?

Getting Organized

What does this look like?



Strategies

- 1. Schoology syncing with Calendars:
 All Freshman students will be shown how to sync their Schoology Accounts with the calendar on their iPads. Parents can do this as well for their own personal calendars.
- 2. **To-Do Lists:** Getting kids in the habit of making a to-do list will help them greatly in life.
- 3. **Time/Space**: Set up a designated time and space to do homework. Best times are after school or after dinner. Best places are at a desk or table.

Tech Management

What does this look like?



Strategies

- 1. **Setting Screen Time Limits:** There's an app for that!
- 2. Limiting Screens in Rooms:
 Kids might get around parental
 controls, so it might be a good idea
 to remove screens in rooms at an
 agreed upon time.
- 3. **Manage Notifications:** Talk to your teen about how they can meet their goals within limits that you can live with.

Building Healthy Habits

What does this look like?

Improving Self-Care



Identifying self-care goals

- Personal, Physical, Mental, Family, School
- Seeking out moments of gratitude
 - Try out a gratitude journal
- Keeping it FUN!
 - End of Summer Bucket List BINGO
- Looking toward the future
 - High School Bucket List BINGO



What does this look like?

Healthy Sleep Habits



Keep a schedule!!

- Try to go to sleep & wake up at the same time each day
- Have a pre-bedtime routine
 - Keep it simple, but structure helps our brains regulate
- Avoid caffeine
 - Use lunch as your cut-off time
- Prepare your sleep space
 - Sleep in best in cool, dark place if possible. Use earplugs if needed to manage noises that are out of your control
- Listen to a guided meditation
 - Lots of free apps!
- Ditch the Tech!
 - One hour before bed for best sleep results

RESOURCES

School/Community Resources

EGHS Student Services Website

*EGHS Coping Catalog COMING SOON!

Parent Recommendations

Helpful Resources

