

“Making the Move from Middle School to High School”

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What is the difference between high school and middle school? Do you know the challenges your student will face?

Recently, Mrs. McShane, North Canyon High School’s counselor, came into our AVID classes and answered these questions about high school. Mrs. McShane was very helpful and told students that Cornell note taking will help them do better on tests. Another important piece of advice was given by Greenway Middle School’s principal, Mr. Acosta, who said, “Always apply what you’ve learned in middle school to other things in life.”

Children should care about their grades. Many students think, however, that they only need to work on grades the last years of high school. This is not correct because colleges look at GPA’s from grades 9 through 11. So, it’s important that students get a good start on grades early. In fact, students who want to play sports in their freshman year cannot fail any classes in eighth grade.

There are many ways parents can help students when they are in high school. Motivating them to do homework is certainly an important one. Tests are also a major part of a student’s grades. Your student should have a homework space or a quiet study place for schoolwork. For some students, listening to music may also help when concentrating on homework.

There are many ways to prepare your student for high school. There are also many things you can do to help your student once they are in high school. Yes, it may be scary that your children are heading to high school but they are on their way to success.