

## How Parents Can Help

You want your child to succeed in school and in life. There are many ways to encourage him or her to achieve. Following are some of the many ways you can help your child get the most out of school:

- Show interest in what your child is doing in school.
- Set high expectations for your child. Make it clear that school should be his or her first priority.
- Dedicate at least 15 minutes each day to talking with your child and reading with him or her.
- Provide a quiet place for your child to study.
- Help your child with his or her homework.
- Limit the amount of television your child watches and discuss what he or she sees on television.
- Monitor the amount of time your child spends playing video games or surfing the Internet.
- Volunteer to help with school activities and try to get other parents involved as well.
- Talk with your child's teachers regularly about your child's progress and what you can do to help him or her improve.
- Encourage your child to complete challenging work.

Adapted from *A Parent's Guide to Achievement Matters Most*, Maryland State Department of Education.

## How Parents Can Access Curriculum Resources

Parents should first consult the recommended resources. These documents can be found in school media centers.

- The MCPS revised *Curriculum Framework* for the subject (English/language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies),  
[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/curriculum/framework.html](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/curriculum/framework.html).
- The Student Outcomes, by subject and grade level, as listed on the curriculum revision page of the MCPS website,  
[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/curriculum/studentlearn.html](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/curriculum/studentlearn.html).
- Their child's individual classroom teacher(s).