



## Top Ten Back To School Rules For Success

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New school bags, uniforms and school shoes will not guarantee a child's success in school. Thirty days after school starts the school bag will be torn, the clothes will be dirty and the new pens lost. Now what? These things may give a child a good first impression with a new teacher, but they will not insure their success during the entire school year.

The key to a child's success in school is educational responsibility. Here are some ideas to help them.

### Top 10 Rules for Success in School (and in life)

1. No Vision = No Direction. Write down what you want to accomplish in the first 30, 60, 90 days of the school year.
2. Don't Find a Fault; Find a Solution.
3. Minimizing the Bummer Words that can hold them back from reaching their full potential – no, can't, won't, never, maybe, and if.
4. Learn how to set and achieve goals and how to use these principles in the classroom.
5. To get ahead in life - learn more, do more.
6. Use the "I'll Make It Happen" words: yes, I can, and I will.
7. Eliminate excuses.
8. Ask yourself everyday: "Did I give my best effort to today's activities?"
9. Help others.
10. Enthusiastically take action on your dreams.

### Suggestions for implementation:<

Highlight one rule and focus on it for one week. The next week choose another rule to focus on for the week. Over a ten week period each rule will get your attention for one week. Repeat the process until these rules become a habit. You Are a Winner! When teenagers develop an "I'll Make It Happen" attitude it will positively impact their attendance, class participation, personal decision making, and the overall academic achievement. With these life skills teenagers will be able to more clearly define what is important in life. They will learn that success takes time, planning and determination. Goal setting and educational ownership are fundamental building blocks our teenagers need to become active participants in their education and their future success.

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*"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."*

*Robert Collier*