

## SETTING UP A HOMEWORK STATION

**Ages:** 5-18

**Purpose:** To provide a designated space for storing supplies and completing homework.

**Materials:**

- A specific area in your home (not their bedroom) where your child will not be distracted by TV or other things
- A credenza type desk or a tri-fold poster board to block off distraction
- A white board or chalkboard: Set up the board where they can log in their homework and check off what they have done. This also helps when planning out long assignments. When your child comes home from school, have them write their assignments on the white board.
- School supplies Pens, pencils, scissors, glue, tape, rulers, etc.
- Pockets or boxes for supplies

**What this will teach your child:**

- Self-discipline
- Organization
- Planning

**What this will give you:**

- Less stress and more free time for you!
- Remember, taking care of you is taking care of your kids.

**Key points for parents:**

- Get your child involved; take them shopping for supplies
- Buy supplies in advanced, have extras and things you may need for school projects
- If you have more than one child, make sure they each have their own homework station
- Make sure the child is not slouching and not doing homework on the couch
- Inspect homework every day for completeness (if need be)