

# ASSETS AWARENESS: Commitment to Learning

We're done with external assets and are on to INTERNAL ASSETS, the personal qualities young people possess. Youth can't develop these traits on their own; they need adults to support and teach them. Read on to learn how you can help youth commit to learning!

**HOMEWORK:** Youth completes at least 1 hour of homework each day.

- ♦ Adults have as much homework as kids so make homework time family time. While youth are doing school work, you can work on paying bills, catching up on the newspaper, or making your grocery list.



**BONDING TO SCHOOL:** Youth cares about school.

- ♦ Bonding to school doesn't mean the building; it's about connecting to people, activities, & experiences. Encourage youth to connect with a mentor at school; a teacher, coach or support person. Youth who are involved in school activities are more likely to achieve academic success as well. If your youth aren't keen on typical school activities, encourage them to find like-minded peers and start a new club or activity..

**ACHIEVEMENT MOTIVATION:** Youth is motivated to do well in school.

- ♦ It's never too early to start planning for the future. Help youth understand how school success impacts their future. Check out [www.careerzone.org](http://www.careerzone.org) to learn which classes kids should take to prepare for dream jobs.

**SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT:** Youth is actively engaged in learning.

- ♦ Use healthy competition to prompt learning. Institute a "word of the day" to help youth develop their vocabulary. Challenge youth to fit the word into daily conversations.
- ♦ Learning should happen at home as much as it does in school. Have them research locations, check maps, and study the history of possible vacation spots. Or involve youth in cooking. Following recipes helps with reading, math & organizational skills.



**READING FOR PLEASURE:**

Youth reads for pleasure 3+ times each week.

- ♦ Looking for a birthday gift for a young person? Try a fun but educational magazine subscription to National Geographic, Career World, Sports Illustrated for Kids, or Creative Kids Magazine.



## WIN A PRIZE PACK!!

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