

40 Assets that Elementary-age Children (Ages 6 – 11) Need to Succeed

Support

1. Family life provides love and support.
2. Family communication is positive and open.
3. Child receives support from other adults.
4. Child experiences caring neighbors.
5. School provides a caring climate.
6. Parent(s) is involved in child's schooling.

Empowerment

7. Community values children.
8. Children have useful roles.
9. Child and family serve others.
10. Home, school and neighborhood are safe.

Boundaries and Expectations

11. Family sets clear rules and consequences.
12. School sets clear rules and consequences.
13. Neighbors monitor the child's behavior.
14. Adults monitor responsible behavior.
15. Child's friends model responsible behavior.
16. Parents and teachers have realistically high expectations.

Constructive Use of Time

17. Child participates in creative activities.
18. Child participates in school or community programs.
19. Family participates in religious community.
20. Child spends most evenings and weekends at home.

Commitment to Learning

21. Child is motivated to do well in school.
22. Child is attentive and engaged in learning.
23. Child does homework when assigned.
24. Child cares about her or his school.
25. Child reads alone and with adults.

Positive Values

26. Child cares about others.
27. Child begins valuing equality and social justice.
28. Child begins to act with integrity.
29. Child values honesty.
30. Child accepts appropriate responsibility.
31. Child begins to value good health habits.

Social Competencies

32. Child develops a simple planning and decision-making skills.
33. Child interacts well with other children and adults.
34. Child is comfortable with people from different cultures.
35. Child learns how to resist negative pressure from others.
36. Child attempts to solve conflicts nonviolently.

Positive Identity

37. Child feels he or she has some control over things that happen.
38. Child has high self-esteem.
39. Child has a sense of purpose.
40. Child is optimistic about her or his own future.