



## Tips and Techniques

### Daily Progress and Reward System

Scripture Verse: *Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* (2 Tim. 2:15, KJV)

**Grades:** 6-8

**Overview:** Establishing a system to help student keep track of progress is important for long term academic success. Develop the following program with your child's classroom teacher or teachers.

### Teacher Signature

Begin with a small 3 x 5 card or sheet of paper. Have the student get the teacher's signature after each class. Signing the card by the teacher is based on those factors identified as needing improvement. For example, attention in class, following classroom routines, homework turned in on time, working in groups, etc.

### Student Rewards

At the end of the day and at the end of the week, the parent arranges appropriate rewards for obtaining teacher signatures. Rewards might include allowances, TV or Video time, phone privileges, etc. Rewards are given for good grades on a daily basis rather than at the end of an academic term.

### Reward System

Once the child goes three weeks with a simple daily progress report, consider expanding the progress monitoring to a point system. Using a point system, the student earns points for various academic tasks including homework, class assignments, listening and complying to directions, daily grades, as well as how they deal with homework. The child earns points on a daily basis. These points are then accumulated for various rewards at the end of the year, month, etc.

### Point Tracking System

Item	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
Homework (Completed 3 pts, Well-Done 5 bonus points)						
Class Assignment (Completed 2 points each; well done 2 add'l pts with no more than 2 misspelled words or careless math errors)						

Listening and complying to directions without reminder (1 pt each time).						
Daily Grades Returned Home (A=10 pts, B=6 pts, C=3 pts, D=1 pt)						
Homework started with no warnings=5 pts, one warning=3pts, two warnings=2 pts, three warnings=1 pt; completed before supper time add 2 bonus points.						
Other Areas:						
<b>Total Points Earned</b>						

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Tot
BONUS: Baseball glove as soon as 75 points are earned								
Outdoor time (5 pts per ½ hour)								
Television watching time (5 pts per ½ hour)								
Kitchen time – cooking (5 pts per ½ hour)								
Going our privilege (10 points per event)								
Staying with a friend all night or having one over for the night (25 pts per event)								
Money, up to limit set by parents (5 points per amount)								
Total Points Used								
Carry over points to next week								

The type of reward should be selected based on those agreed upon by parent and student and should be motivating enough for the student to want to earn points. At the end of the month, new rewards should be devised. Rewards can also contribute to special events, such as a birthday, Valentine’s day, etc.