

Student Distraction

As our children strive to reach their goals, they will inevitably run into distractions. We must teach our children how to deal with distraction. Failure to do so could result in less than optimal performance from children.

The internet is a distraction to school success. The internet is an invaluable tool and resource, that most of us cannot live without. We have adapted our way of life toward ultimately depending upon it for all sorts of information.

The internet enabled us to have the world at our fingertips. It gives us the ability to rapidly access information. With the internet; whatever we need to see or fix is right at the fingertips. Children need a computer at home. We, as parents must monitor our children usage of the internet. All information is not constructive. If we do not set parental controls and restrictions our children can access websites that can be harmful. It is imperative that we keep an eye on what they are browsing and frequently check the history.

It is important that parents monitor their children e-mail exposure. It is not unusual for a child to establish an innocent rapport with another child via email, not realizing that this person may possibly be an adult with less than desirable intentions for your child. The mis-use of email and internet can be detrimental to children.

Our last distraction is television. I urge all parents to monitor what their children watch on TV. Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

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