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Success Story

Connor has been moved up to Regular English and has a 93% in the class!

Ivelisse, Tampa, FL

Quote of the Month

"Where there is a will, there is a way"

Suggested Web-Sites

The Child's Doctor Positvie Reinforcement

<u>Spring Break Safety -</u> Travel Tips for Students



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What is School Choice?



School choice can be best defined as empowering parents to select the educational environment *they* feel is best for their child. In other words, school choice is parental choice. Parents who choose a neighborhood in which to buy a home based on the local schools available exercise school choice. However, this is not an option for low-income families. Families that don't have the option of moving to a neighborhood with better schools can exercise choice through the use of different school choice tools.

School choice tools that empower parents to make an active selection of schools or programs, such as tax credit scholarships and voucher programs in which the education money follows the child are championed by the Alliance for School Choice. Other school choice tools include inter-district open enrollment, magnet schools, public charter schools, virtual schools (both public and private), private schools and home schooling. The availability of these tools varies from state to state.

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For more information about the school options in your district visit your state department of education's website:

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<u>Colorado</u> Nevada North Carolina

<u>Arizona</u> <u>Washington</u>

4th Quarter - "Can Do" Attitude

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Is your student on the verge of an "A" or have you been informed they may be held back this year? "Where there is a will, there is a way."

I subscribe to the "I can do" theory. If you can get a child to think posivitely, you'd be amazed at the results that can achieve. Start by having your student make it simple like "I can get ALL my homework done," or "I can take math tests without dying," or "I can make it to class on time," and then reinforcing them with "I always knew you could." And then when they actually "do" it, reward them as a proud parent does. Gleam with pride! Believe it or not, most students/children like being presented with a challenge when they believe they can succeed. No one climbs to the top of the mountain without taking each and every step. And no one ever does it alone!

Positive reinforcement can come from friends, family and from complete strangers...but so can the opposite. Be sure to surround your student with as many positive reinforcing people as possible during the difficult times. Talk with your tutor about being one of these positive influences for your student, and create a reward system for them to implement.

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