



Homework Help Safety Guide

A practical resource for parents navigating the digital learning landscape



Creating a Safe Study Environment

Today's students rely heavily on online resources for homework help. While the internet offers incredible learning opportunities, it's essential to guide children toward safe, reliable educational tools.

This guide will help you understand trusted resources, set appropriate boundaries, and teach digital citizenship—empowering your children to learn safely and responsibly online.

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Choose Safe Sites

Verify educational platforms

2

Set Guidelines

Establish clear usage rules

3

Monitor Activity

Stay engaged in learning

✓ TRUSTED RESOURCES

Safe Educational Websites for Homework



Khan Academy

Free video lessons and practice exercises across all subjects, from math to history. Safe, ad-free, and teacher-approved.



National Geographic Kids

Engaging educational content about science, animals, and geography with age-appropriate material.



Britannica School

Reliable encyclopedia content tailored for different age groups with verified, scholarly information.



PBS LearningMedia

Thousands of free educational resources including videos, lesson plans, and interactive activities.

Pro tip: Bookmark approved sites together with your child and make them easily accessible in their browser.



Understanding AI Tools Like ChatGPT

AI tools have become common homework helpers, but they require careful guidance. These tools can assist learning when used appropriately, but shouldn't replace critical thinking or original work.



Good Uses



- Explaining difficult concepts
- Brainstorming project ideas
- Breaking down complex problems
- Practice and study support



Avoid Misuse



- Copying AI responses directly
- Using AI to complete entire assignments
- Submitting AI work as original
- Bypassing the learning process



Parent Role



- Discuss appropriate AI usage
- Review school AI policies
- Encourage honest effort
- Monitor homework habits



Teaching Smart Research Skills

Evaluating Online Sources

Help your child become a savvy researcher by teaching them to question what they find online. Not all websites are created equal—some contain outdated, biased, or completely false information.

01

Check the Author

Who wrote this? Are they an expert on the topic?

02

Verify the Source

Is this a reputable website? Look for .edu, .gov, or established organizations.

03

Cross-Reference Facts

Can you find this information on other trusted sites?

04

Check the Date

Is the information current and up-to-date?

Red Flags to Watch For

- No author listed or contact information
- Excessive ads or pop-ups
- Poor grammar and spelling
- Sensational headlines
- No sources or citations
- Biased or one-sided views

Academic Integrity & Avoiding Plagiarism

Teaching academic integrity early helps children develop honesty, responsibility, and strong work ethics. Understanding plagiarism isn't about rules—it's about respecting others' work and taking pride in their own.



What is Plagiarism?

Using someone else's words, ideas, or work without giving credit. This includes copying from websites, using AI-generated text as your own, or copying another student's work.



Proper Citation

Teach children to keep track of sources as they research. Show them how to write simple citations or use tools like EasyBib to give credit properly.



Original Thinking

Encourage children to read multiple sources, take notes in their own words, and form their own opinions. Original work builds confidence and deeper learning.

"Academic integrity is about doing the right thing even when no one is watching—it's a value that extends far beyond the classroom."

Effective Parental Monitoring Strategies

Staying involved in your child's digital learning doesn't mean hovering—it means creating an environment of trust, open communication, and appropriate oversight.

Create a Study Space

Set up homework stations in common areas where you can naturally observe screen activity without being intrusive.

Regular Check-ins

Ask open-ended questions about what they're learning and which resources they're using. Show genuine interest.

Use Parental Controls

Consider age-appropriate monitoring tools, filtered browsers, and screen time limits that match your family values.

Build Digital Literacy

Teach by example. Show children how you evaluate sources, protect privacy, and use technology responsibly.

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