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| Summary  Cite (name) your source  Main idea  Supporting details   * No small details * No opinion * No conclusion * No quotes | Response  Share your opinion clearly  Refer to a specific point (or points) in the article (quote or paraphrase)  “Connect your discussion to the world”  Your experience, previously learned, heard, seen give evidence, support, discuss |
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Vocabulary

Critical (12) – important, having the potential to become disastrous

Accountability (14-15) – Responsibility

“Held accountable” (16) – taking the blame

Crucial (17) – extremely important

Faze (23) – disturb, bother

Criteria (24) – standards you judge something by

Legislation (24 + 41) – laws  
 Legislative (8) – having the power to make laws

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| Source  “Florida Lawmaker Wants Teachers to Grade Parents” by John Couwels  Main Idea  Teachers grade parents  Supporting details  Parents are graded by the teachers based on children’s preparedness for school  Make parents aware of where they’re falling short  Parents’ involvement in their child’s education is extremely important  Parents who aren’t involved won’t care  Education = what’s learned in class, not what parents can do for you (Steve Perry)  Teachers are not trained for this | Source  “Florida Lawmaker Wants Teachers to Grade Parents” by John Couwels  Main Idea  A lawmaker in Florida would like to require public school teachers to grade parents of young school children based on their involvement in their children’s lives and education.  Supporting Details   * K-3rd grade, parents’ grade added to report card based on children’s preparedness for the day and parents’ communication with the teachers * Parents’ role is extremely important and they should be held accountable (called the “missing link”) * Many parents may not realize they aren’t providing all the needs of their children (Rep. Kelli Stargel) * Many people disagree   + Parents who aren’t involved won’t care anyway   + Education is based on what children learn in school, not how well parents can prepare them (Steve Perry)   + Teachers are not trained to evaluate parents (Steve Perry)   + Feedback from teachers is good, but grading takes it too far (Francis Monteiro) * Idea still under revision |

According to “Florida Lawmaker Wants Teachers to Grade Parents” by John Couwels, Florida teachers may be grading parents soon. Basing the scores on parents’ involvement in their child’s education and level of preparation for school, the grades would accompany students’ report cards. Rep. Kelli Stargel believes that many parents don’t realize that they’re not providing everything their young children need, and it’s been suggested that parent accountability is the missing link in student success. However, many people disagree. Many believe if a parent isn’t involved, a report card isn’t going to change that. Steve Perry, founder of a magnet school, says that education is about what students can learn in school, not what parents are able to teach them. He adds that teachers don’t get any training about how to adequately evaluate parents. A first grade teacher, Sharon Francis, says that teacher feedback is good, but grading parents is taking it too far. The legislation is still under revision.

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| Pros  Teacher-parent relationship could be strengthened  Parents held accountable for how they prepare their children  Students will do better if their parents do better | Cons  Stressful/embarrassing for students  Biased against working/poorer families  Raises teachers’ work/responsibility |