



## Welcome to HomeworkCoach!

Thank you for choosing our service, which we have developed over the past ten years with the help of learning specialists and by listening to hundreds of parents like you.

HomeworkCoach does not offer a cookie-cutter service. Our coaches are contractors who are well-versed in our approach to homework tutoring and executive function skills building but are expected to use their own skills and empathy in helping each student succeed in their own way. It will take time to discover the best way to work with your child. This may mean adapting the schedule as we find out what works.

Thanks again for granting us the privilege of working with your child. We will check in with your coach frequently to make sure everything is going well. You in turn are welcome to call or email us at any time.

### Parent Expectations

1. Make sure you and your coach exchange contact information.
2. Give the process time to work. Resist the temptation to micromanage or second-guess the coach! This is especially important if you have been butting heads with your child over homework.
3. If you have concerns about the coaching process, you may email or call the coach or call HomeworkCoach directly. Point 2 above notwithstanding, if your gut tells you things are off to a bad start, don't delay in telling us.
4. Honor the coach/student relationship. This builds trust and increases the student's self-confidence and self-advocacy. Let your student know your concerns before contacting the coach. We are working toward an open and honest communication process.
5. If necessary, assist the coach in contacting teachers. Provide login information to the school's homework and grade reporting website.
6. If rewards are a part of a plan you, your student and your coach agree on, be consistent and timely in providing the agreed upon reward.
7. Please don't expect the coach or your child to provide a blow-by-blow report after every session. Set up a schedule with the coach for regular progress reviews.
8. Do not casually cancel sessions if there is no homework that day. Keeping to a regular schedule is an important executive function skill we are working to instill in your student!
9. Maintain a positive outlook about your student's progress. Remind yourself to praise the positive actions taken, large and small. Coaching and learning are done step-by-step and each person learns at a different pace. All students, in their hearts, would like to succeed and you can help them by believing in them.