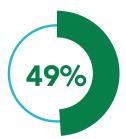


Purpose



of **Beach Cities 11th graders** report that they "do school" – they work hard, but they rarely find their schoolwork interesting, fun or valuable.



Almost a third of college students change their major at least once within three years.

You're the most important influence in your child's life.

Whatever "it" is, have the talk.

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Tips to Talk About It

Purpose is the motivating force behind everything you do – it's your way to contribute to society in a meaningful way. Talk to your child about purpose.



Always keep conversations open and honest



Come from a place of love, even when you're having tough conversations



Provide positive reinforcement



It's never too early - or too late - to start the conversation

Top five tips to help your child develop purpose:

- 1. Expose your child to different and stimulating environments. It will enhance their creativity and increase their awareness of their own gifts.
- 2. Encourage your child to explore their passions by finding clubs or structured school activities that connect with their broader interests.
- 3. Create opportunities to discuss the things that matter most, especially the values they want to live by.
- 4. Support your child as they recognize and exercise their strengths, so they are better equipped to meet life's challenges. This can build confidence and self-esteem, increase happiness and reduce depression.
- 5. Promote independence so they can better explore their ideas.

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