

IF I WERE A PARENT:

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If I were a parent:

1. I would let my child stay out pretty late but still have a curfew for him on a school night. If it was not a school night then he would be able to stay up with his friends as late as he wanted. I would punish him if he were to come home late so he would not do it again.
2. I would take care of my child and make sure that he knew how much I love him. I would want him to know that he is the best thing that ever happened to me.
3. I would take him out once a week for a family night like dinner and then do an activity like bowling, swimming, and movies so we have time to be together as a family.
4. I would help him study for tests so he would get a good grade. Every once in a while if he forgot to study, I would write him a note and tell him to write in his agenda whenever he has a test and to tell me so it wouldn't happen again.
5. Every once in a while I will let him have a day off of school so that he could get a break of learning.
6. When I go shopping with my child I will try not to talk to friends for more than five minutes. That way my child wouldn't bother me or get bored.
7. I wouldn't buy him whatever he wants but I would get my child something every once in a while when he deserves it.
8. I would give him allowance but I would deduct a quarter from his allowance according to how clean his room is kept, if he makes his bed and how he behaves.
9. I would try to make his favourite food often but not every day and I would try not to make the food that he dislikes too much so that he would like eating at home and not always waste money on going to restaurants or buying food.
10. I would let him go out with his friends a lot and not care who his friends are unless I heard something really bad about them. I would try to always let him have a friend over so that he wouldn't get bored.
11. I would get enough clothing for him but not the biggest wardrobe in town. I would have an amount of money that I would spend for him on each article of clothing.
12. I would only give him a cell phone before 8th grade if he goes to school far so that if something happens my child would be able to contact me.

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