HOW TO DEAL WITH HELICOPTER PARENTING

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It is always admirable when parents are very hands-on when it comes to their children's education. However, too much involvement can make them helicopter parents. Helicopter parenting happens when parents become too controlling and overbearing. This could impact students' learning in a negative way because it can hinder their development. For instance, children with helicopter parents usually cannot cope with assignments, projects and school works on their own. It also inhibits their resilience in facing difficulties in their education and personal lives. As for teachers, overbearing parents can be difficult to get along with and can demand too much attention and time.

These are some ways to deal with helicopter parents.

1. Ensure honest communication. Make them see that you are willing to give them the necessary details about their children's development without them having to badger you about it. Be open and keep in mind that both of you have your students well-being in mind.

2. Be confidently reassuring. You will gain parents' trust when they see that you are confident in guaranteeing their children's welfare.

3. Place boundaries. Let them know about your personal limitation and never sacrifice your productivity to cater to their demands.

4. Lay your cards down. Treat them as teaching partner by making them know the goals you would like to achieve with their children's learning.
5. Don't forget respect. It will always help to be courteous and to use positive phrasing as oppose to directly telling them their child's error or inadequacy.

6. Encourage your students' independence. Make them see that there is more wisdom in being self-reliant.

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