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Children who grow up with involved fathers:

are

**39%**

more likely to earn mostly A's in school



**45%**

less likely to repeat a grade

**60%**

less likely to be suspended or expelled from school



**2x**

as likely to go to college and find stable employment after high school

**75%**

less likely to have a teen birth



**80%**

less likely to spend time in jail



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