

What if your students or your children are the “ICONS of the FUTURE”?

MATRIX For High Achievement <i>(Tips to Get Them Ready)</i>	The Code Name	<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">ICONS</div> 
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<p>Provide/Find* people or activities that help to identify, develop and strengthen their skills, abilities, or talents.</p>	ABILITY NUTRITION	<p>Despite talking too much in elementary school, Oprah Winfrey had a 4th grade teacher who traded Oprah’s silence on four (4) days a week for her freedom to talk on one (1) day a week. (She became a famous “talk” show host and business mogul.)</p>
<p>Provide/Find* people and activities that create “I Can” and “Never Give Up” attitudes to set and achieve goals.</p>	AMBITION IGNITION	<p>Despite being a “sickly” child, Ann Richards had parents who raised her “like a boy” thus making her think she could do anything the males could do. (She became first female governor of Texas.)</p>
<p>Provide/Find* people and activities that cause them to feel valued, special loved or important.</p>	CARDIAC RESERVE	<p>Despite abandonment by his parents, Jamie Foxx had a grandmother who adopted him and made him take piano lessons—against his will. (He became an excellent musician and Academy Award winning actor.)</p>
<p>Provide/Find* people and activities that show them how to and “push” to perform at a level of excellence.</p>	APEX NERVE	<p>Despite the fact that Helen Keller could neither see, hear nor speak, she had a teacher who did not pity her but rather “pushed” her to learn sign language. (She became a famous educator, journalist and humanitarian.)</p>
<p>Provide/Find* people and activities that assist with increasing deeper understanding in academic, spiritual and/or social areas.</p>	INSIGHT TRAMS	<p>Despite growing up with violence in his family, LL Cool J’s grandparents noticed his childhood interest in rap music. They bought him a microphone and turntable to teach him and build that interest. (He became a rapper, acting star, family man and philanthropist.)</p>
<p>Provide/Find* people and activities that destroy obstacles or provide access to positive opportunities.</p>	OPPORTUNITY RAMS	<p>Even with all of his genius, Albert Einstein occasionally got depressed. As a young adult, a friend helped him get a job which made him feel better. Later Einstein formulated the “Theory of Relativity” for which he won the Nobel Peace Prize in Physics.</p>