**An ideal parent[[1]](#footnote-1)**

* should be strict when it comes to certain issues,
* should be a good listener,
* should be caring and loving,
* should be aware what it is like to be a child,
* mustn't neglect his / her children,
* shouldn't judge things at first sight and shouldn't be judgemental in general,
* should support the child's interests,
* should encourage his / her child,
* should teach a child how to be responsible,
* can be trusted,
* must protect his child,
* should come and see a child when he/she performs,
* should spend some quality time with his / her child/children,
* should teach a child some skills – e.g cooking, riding a bike,
* should develop child's working habits,
* should cheer up a child,
* should comfort a child,
* should teach a child how to express emotions,
* should set some boundaries,
* should set a good example to a child,
* should praise a child's good deeds,
* should teach a child not to lose hope or give up,
* should give a child good advice,
* should teach a child how to share things,
* should teach a child right from wrong,
* should involve a child in household activities,
* should point to alternatives (teaches a child how to choose between different options – e.g. healthy / unhealthy food),
* should respect a child's privacy to certain extent,
* should avoid favoritism ( having a favourite child),
* should guide a child,
* should foster child's intellectual, physical, emotional and social development,
* should respect child's individuality,
* mustn't humiliate a child,
* should be consistent,
* should love his / her children above anything else.

1. According to the 9th graders of Elementary School Dragomelj [↑](#footnote-ref-1)