

The four parenting styles and their effects

The authoritative parent

Affectionate and engaged
Sets limits and enforces consequences
Uses reason, logic, and appropriate negotiation
Empowers a child's decision making

The authoritarian parent

Emotionally aloof
Bossy; likely to say, "Because I said so"
Uses physical punishment or verbal insults
Dismisses a child's feelings.

The permissive parent

Affectionate
Anxious to please, ends every sentence by asking, "OK?"
Indulgent
Can't say no and stick to it
Easily manipulated

The passive parent

Emotionally removed or indifferent
Uninvolved
Abdicates discipline
Inconsistent and unpredictable

His or her child is likely to be

Happy, responsible, and kind
Good at problem-solving
Self-motivated and confident
Cooperative
An excellent student
A leader

His or her child is likely to be

Moody and anxious
Well-behaved
An average to good student
A follower

His or her child is likely to be

Demanding and whiny
Easily frustrated
Lacking kindness and empathy
A poor to average student
A follower

His or her child is likely to be

Clingy and needy
Inappropriate and rude
Likely to get into trouble
A poor student
A follower