

Working With Your Child's Teachers

Parent Checklist

It is important to have a positive relationship with your child's teacher. Effective and positive communication is key in building a partnership to help your child succeed.

Working with Teachers / School	Already do this!	I'll try it!
I talk to my child's teachers about his/her work, and tell them what they need to know about my child.		
If I don't understand what is going on at school, I contact the teacher.		
If my child is concerned about school issues, I talk to my child and to the teacher to find out what is happening.		
I try to show my child's teachers respect, and work with them on my child's behalf.		
I find out everything I can about the school my child attends.		
If possible, I attend PTA or PTO meetings.		
If I notice my child is having trouble in a subject I will talk with my child's teacher and find out how I can help.		
I meet the teacher early in the year before any problems arise.		
If the teacher has been especially helpful and cooperative I send a thank you note and pass the compliment on to the principal.		
I mark important dates on my calendar.		
I keep and organize school records relevant to my child's IEP.		
I prepare for and attend parent/ teacher conferences, Individualized Educational Plan meetings or other individualized school meetings.		
I have a communication system with my child's teacher (For example: communication notebook, daily / weekly folder, contact information scheduled, etc).		

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