

Partners in Learning



This resource provides information for families as they work as partners to support their child at school. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list.

Have a conversation with your child's teachers and school staff regarding their progress at school.

Information to Share with Your Child's School

- Your child's educational experience
 - At other schools or classrooms within the same district
 - At previous school districts
 - Prior to coming to the United States (if new to the country)
- Whether or not you have access to your child's previous school records
- Whether your child's prior schools have any academic concerns
- Your child's prior English language instruction (if your child is an English learner student)

Questions to Ask Your Child's Teachers

- How does my child communicate ideas and express themselves at school?
- How can I help my child gain skills to study and stay organized?
- Where can I find texts and other resources, such as videos or audio recordings, to deepen understanding and build vocabulary?
- What other supports can be put in place to support my child?

Items to Ask Your Child's School to Provide to You

- Translations (as needed)
- Class schedule(s)
- Teacher contact information
- Map of the school
- Meal options at school
- Information for free or reduced-price meals
- Transportation information to and from school

You can request an explanation of policies in your native language regarding homework, attendance, illness, discipline, immunization, dress code, and curriculum and course options.

Additional School Supports and Programs to Ask About

- After-school clubs and sports options
- Special education services for qualifying students
- Summer school availability for qualifying students
- Counselors
- Tutors

Additional Resources for Families

Seeds of Partnership

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Seeds of Partnership website: <https://www.seedsofpartnership.org>

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