

# Effective Communication General Tips

## Take Time To Inform

Make sure you clearly and promptly inform your child's teacher and other appropriate school personnel of any issues your child is dealing with or concerns you might have, especially if the issue at hand might impact your child's performance and/or behavior.

## Find Ways to Get Involved

Family involvement is not limited to parent organizations. Ask about other opportunities to get engaged at your child's school. Actively engaging at your child's school provides avenues for communication with your child's teacher and other school personnel.

## Ask For Help

There are times when you will need help. That help could come from a teacher or the school. On occasion, you might need assistance that the school may not have the resources/capacity to provide. Nurturing relationships with your child's teacher, other parents, or even other individuals might lead you to an organization, agency, or resource that can give you the exact assistance you need.

### **Need help getting started? Consider a few of these sentence starters to engage your child's teacher/school:**

- "I'm concerned about my child's..."
- "Could you help me understand..."
- "Have you considered..."
- "I've noticed..."
- "Her IEP provides her with \_\_\_\_\_. How does that look in the classroom?"
- "It seems as if he has a harder time doing \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_."



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