

You are Key to Your Child's Success

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You are the school's most important education partner.

Research shows that when families are involved at home and at school, children do better academically and socially. So how do you show your support?

- **Connect early and often.** Reach out to your child's teachers at the beginning of the school year and reconnect with the teacher whenever you attend a school event.
- **Commit to communicating.** Schools and teachers send messages to families in a number of ways—backpack folder, voicemail, email, newsletter, social media, portal, etc. Pay attention to these messages and ask questions or respond whenever information is unclear or you have feedback to share.
- **Stay informed.** Understand what is expected of your child in terms of learning and conduct. Ask the teacher how you can support learning at home. Each day, ask your child specific questions about school, extracurricular activities and friendships. Reinforce classroom rules and positive behaviors at home.
- **Speak up.** Share worries or concerns about your child's unique needs with the teacher. Address problems quickly and trust that the school also wants what's best for your child.
- **Get involved.** Contribute your talents and skills to improving the school community. Join school committees, volunteer in the classroom or at school events, offer support to your child's teacher, etc.
- **Seek support and enrichment opportunities.** Participate in programs offered by the school, PTA or other community organizations that enhance your child's educational experience and improve your family's health and overall well-being.



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