

The ABCs of Staying in Touch with Your School

Ask questions whenever you have a concern

Never go away feeling confused or angry

Build your child's confidence with regular communication

Organize your questions before attending school meetings

Clarify language you don't understand

Provide a good example with good communication

Dig into your child's schoolwork and know what is going on

Question teachers about other programs that help your child

E-mail your child's teacher or principal

Read and respond to notices your child brings home

Follow up with teachers and others at your school

Spend time learning with your child

Gather information on how your school works

Thank your child for sharing school news

Have patience when trying to reach teachers

Understand school rules — and why they're important

Inform your school about issues important to your child

Voice your concerns with those who can solve the problem

Join parent organizations and school committees

Wade through the red tape if it appears

Keep up-to-date on school events and activities

X-out what isn't essential when communicating about school

Let teachers know you want good communication

Yearn to help others helping your child succeed

Meet people whenever you can and share good news

Zero in on the messages vital to a great school experience