



Questions Every Parent Should Ask to Ensure Their Child's Success

Traditionally marginalized families often lack the basic information they need to support the success of their children in schools. Schools that want to support the success of ALL children can answer the following questions for families.

What is my child's schedule, and who are their teachers? How can I contact them? (List schedule with names and contact info.)

***Who is my child's counselor? What is the best way to contact them?**

Who do I speak with if I have safety concerns? (e.g. bullying, drug use, sexual harassment etc.)

Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child... (List names and contact information.)

- academically?
- socio-emotionally?
- special-education needs?
- about extended absences due to illness or other family issues?

***How do students get scheduled into electives? (Music, art, coding, dance, etc.?) How are parents involved and informed?**

How can students participate in lunchtime clubs and other extra-curricular activities?

How does the school provide support for students who are struggling...

- academically?
- socio-emotionally?
- with health concerns?

If students are placed in academic support, does this prevent them from participation in enrichment such a STEM, music, etc. If so, what is the reason given?

***How do students participate in sports? What do families need to do and know? (Note: In many states it is illegal for schools to charge money for students to participate in educational programs.)**

How does the school ensure low-income students don't have to pay for...

- field trips?
- to have instruments for music programs?
- *locks for lockers and uniforms?
- yearbooks?

Who do I talk to if you have concerns about instructional materials, qualified teachers, or safe facilities?

When are parent/community meetings scheduled? (List dates/times and locations.)

- Back-to-School Night?
- School Site Council (SSC)
- English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC)
- Parent Teacher Organization/Association (PTO/A)

How/where is all this and other information regularly shared (both verbally and in writing) with families? How does the school communicate with families...

- who lack access to technology?
- who speak a language other than English?

Are there any others?

***Questions that apply to middle and high school ONLY are listed with an asterisk (*).**