

How can I talk effectively with my child's teacher?

Schedule an appointment

Although it may seem easier to have a conversation with your child's teacher before or after school, it is always better to schedule a time that is convenient for both you and the educator so no one feels rushed and thoughts can be organized.

Organize your thoughts

After the parent-teacher meeting is scheduled, take time to jot down some key points you want to focus on so you and the teacher can stay on track. What is the main focus of this appointment. i.e. academics, bullying, respect, etc.

Focus on the issue

It is easy to get off track during any conversation but especially easy when there are emotions involved. Bring an outline of what you want to say so the issue can get resolved effectively.

Be Respectful

It is hard to hear and solve the issue if the parties involved are not being respectful to one another. Try to see the point of view from all sides, including the educators. Determine if you need a mediator to help provide additional insight and solutions.

Make a plan

Be realistic and create a plan of action to improve the situation. What can you, your child and teacher do to help resolve the issue discussed. Talk about what you would like to see and then schedule another time to review the progress if necessary.

