



STRONG PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION IS KEY FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Strong interaction, teamwork and partnership between families and teachers creates the optimal environment for student success:

- Approach interactions with a positive attitude and an open mind. Listen to others' viewpoints.
- Share your child's strengths, talents and interests with your child's teachers.
- Share expectations and set goals together for your child. Understand and reinforce school rules and expectations at home.
- Make appointments as needed to discuss your child's progress or concerns.
- Participate in informal opportunities to talk with and get to know school staff and educators. Attend back-to-school night and parent-teacher conferences with specific questions you want to ask.
- Address concerns or questions honestly, openly, and early on.
- Attend PTA or parent meetings regularly.
- Read classroom and/or school newsletters.
- Visit your school's web page. Know school staff's extensions and office hours. Read and know your school's handbook.
- Request that information be available in all relevant languages.

NEW STUDENT ASSESSMENTS OFFER PARENT-TEACHER OPPORTUNITY

California's student assessments offer a unique opportunity to communicate and plan with your child's teacher during this back-to-school season. Parents of children who just completed grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11 are scheduled to receive copies of their child's scores from the new assessments in the mail within the next few weeks. Parents can discuss the assessments score reports with their child's new teachers during back-to-school night, parent-teacher conferences and other meetings to plan and work together on their child's individual educational needs, keeping in mind that the scores are only a single component of our upgraded educational system, and just one way of measuring student progress, along with class assignments and report cards.