

# How can you help understand your child's academic progress?

**Even if you are busy**, you can still help your child. Ask them about how they are doing and what they are learning in school. As they get older, you can encourage them to ask their school for help. They can join programs to help them learn and grow. Here are some more ideas and examples.

You can help your child even if English is not your first language or if your experiences with school were different. You can help your child in many ways.

## **Keep track of your child's progress.**

You can do this in a few ways. Many schools use online portals to update families about their child's progress. Some common online portals include Infinite Campus, Class Dojo, Bloomz, and Power School. You may also ask your child's teacher or other school staff. Teachers often share about your child's progress during school events like parent-teacher conferences.

## **Stay updated.**

Your child may forget to share information or handouts they receive at school. When they are younger, it may be helpful to check their backpack for homework assignments or other communications sent by the school.

## **Ask teachers how they grade students' work.**

Ask your child's teachers how they grade students' work and how they monitor their progress. Ask how they will share this information with you. It is best to ask the teacher at the beginning of the school year or class. That way, you and your child will be able to talk about their progress as they are learning. It is never too late to ask how your child is being graded and assessed.

### **You can ask:**

- What is the best way to contact you if I have questions about my child's grades

or academic progress?

- How do you assess my child's work?
- Where can I check my child's grades?
- How can I learn about my child's progress?

## Ask teachers how they will share about your child's progress and grades.

Many schools use an online program to record students' grades, test scores, or assessment results. The school is responsible for helping families access these online programs. They must help families understand the information about their child's grades or other results. If you do not find the online program helpful or if it is not available in your preferred language, ask to see your child's grades or results differently. This may be through email, in person, or on the phone.

### You can ask:

- I have trouble viewing my child's grades online. Is there another way for me to see their grades?
- Where can I get help to view my child's grades? What about their assessment results?
- How can I meet with you to know more about my child's learning and grades?

*These resources aim to bolster academic, student wellness, and college and career outcomes for Ohio's multilingual learners. Resources were created through a collaborative effort between the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce and The Ohio State University's Center on Education and Training for Employment along with a dedicated group of family advocates, community leaders, school district staff, and teachers.*