

How can you support your child's learning at different ages?

Support your child during elementary school.

You may talk with your child's teacher to ask about your child's learning and how to support them. You may ask how they grade students or what assessments they will take. If your child is younger, you may talk with the teacher. Ask how they grade students or what assessments they will take. Get ideas on how to help your child learn at home. You may also share about your child and how they like to learn. If your child is struggling, bored, or anxious about schoolwork, you may also want to share that with the teacher. Remember you can talk about your child's grades and progress during parent-teacher conferences where this is often a topic of conversation. Request interpreters in advance, if needed.

You may feel uncomfortable talking with the teacher. Remember that it is important for families, teachers, and schools to have good communication to support your child.

Support your child during middle and high school.

When children are older, they may be able to take more control of their learning. Children in middle school and high school have a better understanding of grades. They understand what is expected of them in school more than younger children.

- Talk to your child about their grades and their learning. Doing this shows your child that you are confident about their academic abilities. Allow them to be responsible for their education.
- Teach your child that they can ask for help when they need it. It is important to talk with your children about school throughout the school year.
- When your child is feeling confused, frustrated, or needs more help, it may help them to meet with the teacher. Sometimes, it can be helpful for parents or caregivers to go to the meeting too. Other times, your child may be able to meet with the teacher on their own. It can be as simple as having your child talk with

their teacher before or after class. If your child meets with a teacher on their own, you can ask your child about how the conversation went. Praise them for asking for help and being responsible for their education.

You can ask your child:

Questions about grades

- How do you feel about your grades?
- How are you graded in your classes?
- How do you know what your grades are?

Questions about your child's progress

- How are you doing in school?
- How do you feel about your progress in school?
- What subjects or topics do you enjoy learning about?
- What subjects do you feel confident in?

Questions to support their learning

- Where do you think you could improve?
- Do you worry about any of your classes?
- Which topics or subjects do you have to work the hardest on?
- Which subjects or areas would you like more help with?
- Do you feel like you are getting the help you need to be successful?
- How can I help you?

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 personnel, and teachers.