

Parent Tip #1: Invest in Improving the Teacher-Family Partnership



Misalignment between school expectations and parent capabilities

We've always known that the relationship between teacher and parent is important. But, while students are learning from home with you playing an expanded role in their learning, that partnership becomes mission critical.

Consider these tips as you determine how to build a stronger rapport with your child's teacher, and seek solutions that best match the needs of your child.



Reach out to clarify expectations for your child's at-home learning.



Ask for support if you are struggling with the programs and technology your child is expected to use.



Clarify any limitations your household has with access to the Internet and devices during appropriate learning times.



Work with teachers to understand schedules and communication preferences so that you know the best ways to connect with each other.

As always, you are your child's best advocate. Educators are stepping up and getting creative, but they can't provide innovative solutions without a clear understanding of where your and your child's needs stand. Consider these hang-ups and possible workarounds:



Internet access is a problem



See if printable worksheets can be arranged via a designated pickup spot.



Scheduling conflict for video lessons



Find out if there are other times that live lessons may be offered or if there are open office hours for one-on-one conferencing.