

Conversation Starters with School if you are Concerned about your Child's Performance

If you are concerned about your child's educational performance, here are some questions you might consider asking your child's teachers or school.

- ▶ I noticed that my child is doing (behavior/habit) at home. Have you noticed anything like this at school?
- ▶ My child says that he/she is often the last one to finish classwork and is bringing home lots of homework. What are you seeing at school?
- ▶ My child has been sharing information about _____ with me at home. I am wondering what we can do about it?
- ▶ I have noticed that my child's grades have been declining and I am concerned. Are you noticing this, too?
- ▶ My son has been having health issues and he has been seeing a doctor. I am worried that his condition is affecting his schoolwork. Here is what I am seeing _____. Are you seeing any issues at school?
- ▶ Write your own concern here: _____
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After you share your concerns, then shift the topic to learn how the school can help your child.

- ▶ I would like to hear about options you might have to help my child get back on track.
- ▶ What can we do to help my child at school?
- ▶ What options do you recommend we consider next for my child?
- ▶ I am wondering if __ (any ideas you have) _____ might help my child at school? What do you think?
- ▶ What do you think we can do at home to help my child?
- ▶ We have been doing __ (describe what you have been doing at home) _____ at home to help our child. It has been going _____ (Describe how it has been going.)
- ▶ How can the school help with ____ (describe concerns you have with your child) _____?