

TIPS FOR TEACHERS FOR HOME-SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Why collaborate:

- Increase academic success
- Decrease behavioral concerns
- Help involve parents in the academic process
- Increase parent confidence in supporting their child
- Create relationships amongst the school and home
- Promote better student outcomes



How to build trust and rapport:

- Make positive early contacts to share good news
- Build on family strengths
- Express interest in parent input
- Utilize parent ideas when possible
- Relay 4 positive remarks to 1 constructive remark
- Send parents direct invitations to school events
- Tailor information to the families' context



How to collaborate:

- Communicate early and often
- Learn the families' time availability, work demands, education, language skills, resources, stressors, values, and expectations
- Provide parents with educational activities to complete at home
- Connect parents with school resources
- Involve parents in school events such as school parties, conferences, or fundraisers



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