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Collaboration with Teachers

Creating a collaborative home - school partnership must be carefully planned, keeping in mind the ultimate goal of working together to best meet the needs of the student.

Combining the strengths and knowledge of parents who know their children best and have a history of supporting and advocating for their children, with the expertise of teachers, creates a powerful partnership that directly benefits the student. Collaboration between home and school can lead to improved academic and social success, positive attitudes and behaviour toward school and, improved parent – teacher communication.

A collaborative home – school partnership:

- Establishes a clear home – school communication plan
- Is an informed partnership where both parents and teachers understand the student's realities at home and at school
- Uses a team approach to program planning and development

Communication

The key to effective collaboration is communication, and parents and teachers will need to communicate **beyond** the traditional parent – teacher interview modes. We need to work together to develop an effective communication plan.



This plan should address:

- How teachers and parents will communicate on a regular basis
- How growing concerns will be handled

A variety of communication methods should be considered including:

- Daily diaries
- Communication books
- Notes, letters
- Email
- Regular phone calls

