

Teach Her Voice

Quick Guide:

How To Be An Advocate For Your Child's Education

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Clearly state any concerns you may have about your child.
Inquire firmly but respectfully about interventions and services.

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For legal reasons, educators cannot be as direct with parents as we'd like to be.
Teachers cannot come right out and tell you if they think your child has a certain diagnosis.

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If a teacher broaches the subject of an intervention or testing, take this conversation seriously. What should feel like a strong recommendation may feel more like a gentle suggestion.

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Follow up on any testing, IEP or 504 meetings.
You'll want to advocate for your child and make sure nothing falls through the cracks.

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Assume the teacher has your child's best interest in mind.
Make your child's teacher feel safe communicating honestly with you. Inquire with curiosity instead of accusations.

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Find opportunities to get involved.
Take part in meaningful gatherings to promote school community.

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Inquire about active shooter drills.
Research proves that they are ineffective and traumatic for students and teachers.

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Strengthen the muscle of resilience with your child.
We can't control every adult our child comes into contact with nor can we control every interaction they have.

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Do not underestimate the power of teacher appreciation.

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Ask a teacher about the school's financial needs and fundraising.
Administrators don't want parents to know that we are struggling with resources, but...we are!

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Inquire about your school district's approach to reading.
Are they using a reading program that's in line with the latest research on the science of reading?

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Remember the goal:
You and the teachers are working together **as a team** to ensure your child's success.