



How can I help my family transition to a new school?

Help the Head of School or Principal get to know your child and family. Schedule a brief meeting to help the administration get to know you better. The goal of this meeting is to help you and the school better understand each other and to begin building a strong partnership. This is a perfect time to share more about your hopes, concerns and expectations for your child's time at the school, both the social and the academic. Find out more how the school helps support new students in their transition to a new school community and find out what the expectations are for family involvement in their child's educational experience.

Help the teachers get to know your child and your family. Schedule a brief meeting with the lead teacher/advisor or homeroom teacher. This meeting will introduce you and your child directly to the teacher who will shape your child's academic experience. Using your conversation with the head of school/principal as a guide, share your hopes, concerns and expectations for the year, specifically related to academics. This is an ideal time to share more about your child's learning style and what types of teaching styles have been most and least effective with your child in the past. Find out more about the anticipated workload for next year and how the school helps new students manage the academic expectations. If computer access is an issue for your family, share this with the teacher, who can help you bridge that gap, so that your child can complete technology-dependent work in other ways. Find out if there is anything you can do at home with your child during the summer months to help them be their best academic selves in September. Your current school should send your child's final report to each child's respective middle school. Still, it wouldn't hurt to bring a copy to this teacher. Be prepared to review the report with the teacher if you bring it along to this meeting.