

Parent Conversations Starters with Students

- How was school today? What was the most interesting thing you learned today? What was the most challenging?
- Who is your favorite teacher? Why? Who can you go to for help? Explain three different ways you can get help at school.
- Tell me about your friends? Which friend do you trust the most? Why? How are you being a good friend to someone else?
- The school seems to value school spirit. Why? What are you wearing and doing to show school spirit?
- What clubs or teams are you participating in? What clubs would you like to see started?
- Show me your school agenda and how you are using it to manage your time and work.
- Explain your homework to me. How and when do you plan on completing it routinely? Who can help you?
- Show me Edline. How do you see your classes and assignments on Edline? Explain how you use Edline.
- What is your most interesting assignment? What is your most challenging?
- How many more credits do you need to graduate? What classes do you still need to take?
- How are you using technology in school? What did you use computers for today?
- Your school is working on academic language in all classes. How are you using academic language in your speaking and writing? How is that helping you?
- What did you accomplish today that makes you feel proud? What are you worried about?

All students need to hear words that encourage:

- Working on your education is very important and leads to a better life. I am very proud of you.
- You are loved. You are secure. You are you. You matter. You are growing up.
- Knowing you, I'm sure you will do fine. You can do it if you try. I have faith in you.
- I can see you put a lot of effort into that. You'll figure it out.
- That was a good try. Don't worry about the mistake. Keep working.
- That's a challenge, but I'm sure you'll do fine.

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