

Empowering Parents

Selected questions parents should ask the schools

1. At what level is my child performing on the End-of-Grade and End-of-Course Test? Note: If your child is performing at Level I or II, say, "I wish to review my child's Personal Education Plan." If there is not one, insist that one be written with parental input. What is my child's scale score within that level?
2. On what grade level is my child being taught?
3. Who is my child's counselor and what does he/she do with my child?
4. Is my child in rigorous and challenging classes? What does the school do to get more minority and other diverse students in these types of classes? What supports are given to these students (academic & social)?
5. How does my child perform in class....academically?...behaviorally?...completion of homework?
6. Did our school make its ABC goals? What is the level of performance of our school? Did all of our school's subgroups make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)?
7. How is the school using its "at-risk" funds, Title I funds and the Student Accountability Standards funds to assist students who are functioning below grade level? (Ask specifically about your child if your child is performing at Level I or II).
8. Does our school use "ability grouping" to sort students? If so, what is the percentage of minority students and other diverse students (African American, Native American, Hispanic, Free and Reduced Lunch Students) in those advance classes or groups?
9. What can I do to help my child? When can I schedule a time that my child and I can meet with all of my child's teachers? How do I contact the teacher? Principal? Central Office? Administrators? Superintendent?
10. You can create your own question(s) based on your situation.

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