

Parent / Teacher Conversation Bank

Parent to Teacher Questions

1. Do you have any experience in teaching a student with a visual impairment?
2. Have you seen any information on my child? Is there anything I need to clarify?
3. Has my child's Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TVI) and/or Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist (COMS) contacted you yet?
4. Glare and reflective light is uncomfortable for my child. Can we find the best place for him/her to sit so that glare is reduced, but he / she can still access the parts of the room where the most instruction will take place?
5. Will my child be expected to perform tasks on a computer? If so, the TVI can provide support for accessing these tasks.
6. What are some typical near and distance tasks students will be expected to perform in different subject areas?
7. Sometimes my child will act like he/she sees what you are doing when this is not the case. I find that checking for understanding is helpful.
8. What is the best time/way for my child to communicate visual needs or difficulties?
9. What is the best time/way for me to contact you to share information?

Teacher to Parent Questions

1. Who is your child's Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TVI) and Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist (COMS)?
2. What are some things, both close up and far away, that your child can see easily?
3. What are some things, both close up and far away, that your child has difficulty seeing?
4. What are some things your child likes to do and does well?
5. Where is the best place for your child to sit?
6. Does your child use optical devices independently? Which ones?
7. What is your child's visual stamina like? Are there times of the day when his/her eyes are especially tired?
8. What are some signs that your child is struggling visually?
9. Is your child comfortable traveling independently in different parts of the school?
10. What are some things I should know about outdoor / sports equipment and safety for your child?
11. What precautions does your child use in the sun? Does he/she do this independently, or do they need reminders and / or support?
12. What are some signs that your child might be struggling socially?
13. How can I help classmates to understand albinism and your child's visual needs?
14. What are the biggest educational concerns for your child?
15. What is the best time / way for me to contact you to share information?