

Parent Advocacy Checklist

START OF SCHOOL YEAR

- ☐ Introduce yourself to your child's teacher
- ☐ Share your child's strengths, interests, and learning needs.
- ☐ Collect contact information for teachers and key staff.
- ☐ Mark important school dates on your calendar.

ONGOING COMMUNICATION

- ☐ Send a short weekly email or note to check on progress.
- ☐ Ask specific questions like, "How is my child participating in class?"
- ☐ Review assignments and feedback with your child.
- ☐ Celebrate small successes at home.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

- ☐ Attend orientation nights and parent teacher conferences.
- ☐ Join a parent group, advisory council, or planning committee.
- ☐ Volunteer for events or projects that match your skills.
- ☐ Stay updated through school newsletters and websites.

ADVOCACY ACTIONS

- ☐ Speak up early if you notice challenges.
- ☐ Document important conversations with teachers or administrators.
- ☐ Request meetings to discuss support plans if needed.
- ☐ Encourage your child to share their school experiences with you.

AT HOME

- ☐ Create a regular homework and reading routine.
- ☐ Provide a quiet, organized space for learning.
- ☐ Model curiosity by reading and learning with your child.
- ☐ Encourage positive affirmations: "I am capable. I can learn."

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