

How to Advocate for My Black Child



- Read the parent/student handbook and make sure you and your child are aware of the code of conduct.
- Submit written notice to the principal and the school district superintendent notifying them that your child is not to be questioned about any disciplinary issue without your presence or permission.
- Do not allow your child to sign any written statement without your permission and presence.
- Record meetings with teachers/administration, and have a witness attend meetings with you when possible.
- Be sure to get all the facts of the incident from your child, and conduct your own investigation.
- Keep record of all correspondence with the teachers and school/district administration.
- Parent/Teacher conference: Ask specific questions about your child's behavior, progress, and academic struggles. Ask about resources available through the school.
- Ask for help from other parents or advocate groups like Black Mothers Forum.
- Become and stay proactively engaged in your child's education.

