

Effective Advocacy Model



Student

as a Self-Advocate

Go to the source for important conversations

Focus on a positive, learning-based solution
Come prepared for the conversation
Be supportive of open, honest, and respectful dialogue

Gather all relevant information

Access online resources and websites
Attend class regularly for detailed academic information
Actively question during instruction
Talk with your counselor for help

Follow classroom rules and expectations

Refer to the class syllabus and online resources
Talk with the teacher directly if you have questions or concerns

Advocate for your own learning

Explain your learning needs and style
Describe your struggles in the classroom
Clarify classroom expectations and your responsibilities

Parent

as a Student Advocate

Go to the source for important conversations

Focus on a positive, learning-based solution
Come prepared for the conversation
Be supportive of open, honest, and respectful dialogue to build rapport

Gather all relevant information

Access online resources and websites
Register to receive automated messages
Expect a timely response to your questions or concerns (2 days)

Understand classroom expectations

Refer to the class syllabus and online resources
Talk to the teacher directly if you have questions or concerns
Clarify classroom expectations and your child's responsibilities

Advocate for your child's learning

Explain his/her learning style
Describe his/her struggles in the classroom
Clarify what outside support(s) you are currently providing for your child

Teacher

as an Instructional Advocate

Go the source for important conversations

Focus on a positive, learning-focused solution
Facilitate open, honest and respectful dialogue to build rapport
Listen to students' and parents' concerns, questions and perceptions

Clearly communicate all relevant information

Update students grades on a weekly basis
Keep online current with learning activities, homework, etc.
Utilize phone and email when appropriate
Respond in a timely manner to all questions (within 2 school days)

Define your classroom expectations

Distribute an updated class syllabus to students
Communicate expectations to all students in the class
Post the syllabus and expectations on Canvas

Advocate for your professional expertise

Explain the supports you are providing in class to assist students
Describe your instructional choices
Clarify learning standards and successful mastery of these standards