

Questions for Trust Building

Regardless of the selected strategy, here are some key questions to ask of the student and family during the beginning of year relationship building conversations:

For the family:

- Tell me a little about your child – what do they like? What are they interested in?
- Where did you see your child grow during the last year? What challenges did they experience?
- What are your hopes and dreams for your student - both for the upcoming school year and in the future?
- What was something that surprised you about your child from the last school year?
- From your experience, what are some ways to teach, motivate, or inspire your child?
- As your child's teacher, what are your expectations of me?
- What is the best way to communicate with you?
- What are your concerns or considerations about the upcoming school year?
- What's most important to you right now?
- Do you have what you need to support learning at home this school year?
[Consider each of the [Five Essential Roles](#)]

Remember to thank the family member for their time and re-state any agreed upon or requested next steps.

For the student:

- What are your hopes and dreams - both for the upcoming school year and in the future?
- What did you enjoy most and least about the previous school year?
- What expectations do you have as me as your teacher?
- What do you hope to accomplish at school this year?