



# START STRONG

*stay strong*

## Build Trust with Families From Day One

- 1. Make a Personal Connection:** Introduce yourself and warmly welcome the student and their family.
- 2. Be Visible and Approachable:** Be present and maintain open, friendly body language.
- 3. Set Communication Expectations:** Let families know how and when they can reach you.
- 4. Ask for Input:** Invite families to share insights about their child's strengths, needs, and preferences.
- 5. Keep It Positive:** Share a success or highlight from their child's first few days.
- 6. Follow Through Quickly:** Respond to parent questions or concerns within 24 hours to build trust.



Fostering  
Family-School  
Partnerships: Fact  
Sheet



Building on My  
Strengths: Get to  
Know Your  
Student Tool



Family  
Communication  
Preference Survey:  
Sample  
(Click Use Template)



WHAT CAN YOU DO THIS WEEK TO BUILD  
TRUST WITH A NEW FAMILY?