

Use teamwork to curb classroom misbehavior

At one time or another, most kids act out in school. But when parents and teachers work together, the child can usually get back on track.

If the teacher says your child is acting out in class, he probably is. It doesn't mean he's a bad kid and it doesn't mean you're a bad parent. It just means there's an issue to be addressed.

Take these steps:

- 1. Talk to your child.** Ask why he thinks the teacher wants to see you. Now is not the time to punish your child or lose your temper. Just listen to what he has to say.
- 2. Meet with the teacher.** Do this as soon as you can. Try to get "just the facts." What does your child do? When does he do it? Has the teacher



observed any situations that may be causing your child to act out? Make a plan to work together to solve the problem.

- 3. Talk with your child about the meeting.** Let him know that you and the teacher are on the same team. You both care about him and want to help him develop appropriate behavior.

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