



Section for Parents and Caregivers Information for Parents



The DVD chapter on information to parents addresses the following topics:

- Parents' concerns about how well informed they are about their children's education
- Parents' views on accessibility to information regarding their children's school and education
- Schools' responses and attempts to inform parents
- Parents' frustrations with miscommunication and lack of information regarding their children's schooling
- Parents' expectations and assumptions regarding Canadian education
- Differences in curriculum, teaching, and assessment
- Schools' roles and responsibilities to provide parents with information
- Strategies and success stories for helping parents understand the Canadian school system and their children's education

Questions to consider before viewing:

- What information is essential for parents to make an informed choice about their children's education?
- How might relationships between educators and parents be the same or different outside of Canada?
- How might relationships between educators and students be the same or different outside of Canada?
- What information should teachers have about their students and students' families in order to provide a meaningful educational environment?

Questions to consider after viewing:

- What were the major areas of concern highlighted by parents and educators in this segment?
- Are your concerns similar or different to those mentioned in the DVD segment?
- How can information be more accessible to newcomer parents regarding these aspects of their children's education?

Activity: Becoming Informed

Time: 15–30 minutes

Materials: Pen/pencil, “Getting Informed” worksheet

Objective: To identify strategies that will help you get information and stay informed about your child’s schooling and education.

Procedure: Complete the checklist on the “Getting Informed” worksheet. Answer the questions that follow.

