

Directions for Use of This Activity

Dear Classroom Teacher:

Use this interview questionnaire to find out more about your families and the children who will be entering your classroom. In addition to the questionnaire, you will find conversation extenders to assist you with this activity.

In this document you will find:

- Interview questionnaire
- Conversation extenders



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Child's Name _____ Date _____

1. Tell me about your child (interests, personality, etc.)

2. What are your child's school, daycare, and/or other group experiences?

3. Tell me about your child's health.

Food likes/dislikes, restrictions, concerns

Allergies

Health history (birth, chronic illnesses, hospitalizations)

4. Tell us about your child's overall development.

Physical

Cognitive (learning)

Language/Speech

Emotional/Behavioral/Social

5. What are your goals for your child this school year?

6. Who does your child live with?

Siblings

Name

Gender

Age

School

7. How long has your family lived in St. Paul? What are your family and community connections?

8. Tell me about your experience as a parent. What is enjoyable and what is difficult about parenting?

9. At what times are you available for involvement (calls from teachers, parent/ family activities)? Do you have transportation?





Conversation Extenders for Parent Questionnaire

1. Tell me about your child.
 - What are his/her interests?
 - What does he/she spend the most time doing?
 - Does he/she prefer to play alone or with others?
 - What is his/her personality like?
 - Quiet/talkative or both?
 - Active/Calm?

2. What are your child's school, daycare, and/or other group experiences?
 - What group experiences has your child been involved with? (ECFE, sports, and other community events)
 - How did your child react to these group experiences?
 - If your child has not had any group experiences, has he/she been cared for by another adult?
 - How do you think your child will react on the first day of school?

3. Tell me about your child's health.
 - Food
 - What are the foods he/she likes and dislikes?
 - Restrictions- lactose intolerant, vegetarian, pork, allergies
 - Concerns - over eating, under eating, selective
 - Eating schedule i.e. hungry in the morning?
 - Allergies
 - Allergy examples: foods, bee stings, medications, hay fever
 - Health history
 - What was your child's birth like (any complications)? What were the results of your well baby checks? What type of medical and dental care does your child receive?
 - What types of illnesses- colds, ear infections, sore throats, etc.
 - Has your child ever had a serious illness? What was it?
 - Has your child ever been hospitalized or taken to the E.R.?

4. Tell us about your child's overall development?

Physical

- When did your child start walking, crawling?
- Is he/she able to walk, run and climb with ease?
- Tell us about your child's growth over that last few years
- Hearing?
- Vision?

Cognitive

- Is he/she able to understand directions in your home language?
- Does it seem that he/she is learning at the same pace as older siblings or peers?
- How does your child learn best? - Exploration, hands-on, being shown
- Is your child able to talk about books that have been read to them?

Language/Speech

- What is your child's home language?
- Is he/she able to have conversations with you in your home language?
- Can others outside the family understand your child when he/she speaks?
- How much English does your child understand?
- How much English does your child speak?

Emotional/Behavioral/Social

- How does your child deal with conflict?
- Does your child follow routines, directions and sit still for a short period of time?
- What techniques do you use to give your child guidance?
- Has your child had any significant changes or losses in his/her life?
- How does your child react to stressful situations?

5. What are your goals for your child this school year?

- Social/emotional goals
- Language goals
- Physical goals
- Group interaction goals
- School routine and environmental goals
- Cognitive goals

6. Who does your child live with?
- Is there anyone your child is closely related to that does not live with him/her?
 - Are there any custody issues?

7. How long has your family lived in St. Paul?
- Where did you live before coming here?
 - When did you come to this country (if appropriate)?

What are your family and community connections?

- Do you have relatives and friends that live nearby?
- Are you aware of the resources in the city and county that are available to your family?

8. Tell me about your experience as a parent.
- How do you spend time with your child?
 - What is enjoyable and what is difficult about parenting?
 - Are there areas of your parenting where further information would be helpful?

9. At what times are you available for involvement (calls from teachers, parent/family activities)?
- What is your work/school schedule?
 - Where do you work/go to school (optional)?
 - Who should we talk to when we call?
 - Where and when is the best place to reach you (work, home, cell, etc.?)