

Teaching students how to Ask for Help



- Encourage students to ask for help, make sure they **know how to ask for help** appropriately and help them develop relevant skills and strategies.
- Establish a **positive climate** for asking for assistance, asking questions or asking for information or instructions to be repeated.
- Talk with the students about the importance of asking questions. Discuss how **all questions are good questions** and explain how asking a question may help other students who might have the same question.
- Develop **classroom routines** for asking for help such as displaying cue cards on their desks.
- Teach strategies for **jotting down key words or questions** so students won't forget what they want to say as they wait for their turn. Sticky notes can be great tools for marking the spot in a book or writing down keywords.
- Encourage students to **continue with easier parts of tasks** while waiting to ask a question. For example, they could underline, highlight or rephrase direction.
- Post **visual reminders** to give students ideas of things to do while waiting patiently. For example, students may read, draw, or write in a journal.

Great question!
I am glad you asked.

