

PROBLEMS AT SCHOOL

Where do I start when my child has a problem at school?

- The best place to begin is with your child's teacher. The teacher is most likely to have the most information about the problem. Starting with the teacher also demonstrates respect.

When a problem arises, should I call the school or go there in person?

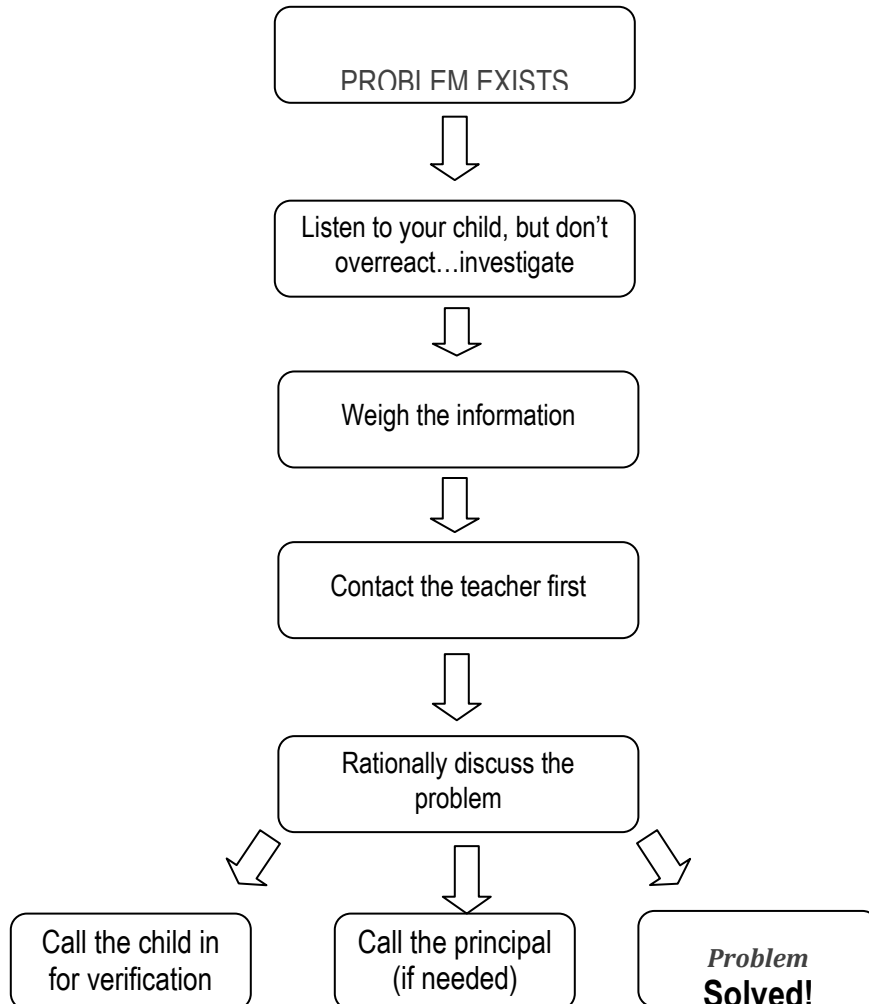
- Minor issues can generally be addressed successfully over the phone. If you feel that a face-to-face visit is necessary, be sure to make an appointment.

When a problem comes up, how should I deal with the school?

- Try to keep an open mind, get the facts, and write them down. You will then be in a better position to clearly discuss what you see as the issue is resolved.

Who should I believe when told about an incident that happened at school?

- Often the conflict and emotions that arise from an incident cloud the retelling. You should look for the facts and suspend judgment until you have heard about all sides of the story.



RESOURCE OFFICER

In 2001, the Grant Parish School Board partnered with the Grant Parish Sheriff's Department to hire a school resource officer for the Grant Parish School System. A school resource officer is a commissioned police officer that is assigned to work schools. The officer is trained for the specific tasks of working in the school environment. Grant Parish has one resource officer that is stationed at Grant High School but works with the other schools in the parish as well.

A school resource officer teaches law-related classes to students, does informal counseling with students and law enforcement in the schools. The school resource officer is not a disciplinarian but may assist school administrators and faculty when called upon to do so with such issues.

If an incident occurs within the school system is determined to be a criminal matter, the school resource officer will assist the administrator with the investigation of that incident. A student may face criminal charges and/or disciplinary action under the Grant Parish School Discipline Policy.

The purpose of a school resource officer in our schools is not to intimidate students. A school resource officer promotes a positive relationship between law enforcement officials and students. The officer is a friend to the students and helps promote positive behavior. School resource officers help protect every student from all forms of school violence.

The Grant Parish Resource Officer will be notified and will investigate the actions listed below. This investigation may result in criminal charges being filed.

1. Fighting
2. Possession of Category II or III drugs
3. Striking of staff or faculty
4. Possession of weapon(s) prohibited under federal law, defined in section 921 of Title 18 of the US Code
5. At any other time the principal or his designee deems law-enforcement intervention is appropriate