

When Parents Have Questions, an Educational Consultant Can Help Find Answers

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The summer time allows many parents to plan for family vacations and possibly have a less structured schedule for their children. It also allows many children to register for additional academic support and parents to prepare for the next school year. An educational consultant can provide academic support and answer questions concerned parents may have to insure their child has a positive school experience.

An educational consultant acts as a child advocate and investigates if all mandated services are being provided in a regular educational setting. The consultant can provide assessments to determine the child's academic level, discuss with the parent assessments used at the school system, or provide support while working with the school and parent to develop an academic plan for the child. A consultant can also help parents prepare for the many events during the school year. The events can range from curriculum night, parent-teacher conferences or registration questions.

An educational consultant can also provide contacts to other agencies if your child requires additional support beyond the regular educational setting. As a consultant, the main goal is to help the child receive all the services he/she needs. A parent may choose additional academic support, such as tutoring, until the child meets grade level mastery. An educational consultant may provide this service or suggest other agencies that meet the needs of the child. However, the main goal is to meet grade level mastery, while communicating with the parent and school to insure all services are being provided, and complete the need for this additional support as soon as possible.

L&M Educational Consultants has been helping parents answer the many questions/concerns regarding their child's education. L&M has helped parents prepare for parent-teacher conferences, offered academic support for students at the **pre-school and elementary level** and explained state/town required curriculum and assessments. The goal is educating the parent to understand school policies and allowing the parent and elementary school to work together to provide the best education for all the children in the community. As parents understand the many responsibilities placed on our public schools and become invested with helping the requirements being mastered, children-teachers-parents all seek the reward.

If you would like more information about how an educational consultant can help prepare you and your preschooler for a positive educational experience, help your child receive the necessary services for a successful elementary education, or would just like to learn more about the benefits of hiring an educational consultant- please call at 860-871-2827 or email LindaMassucci@aol.com