

▶ Watch What You Say!

While it's always important to choose your words carefully when talking about students and their behavior, it's even more important when you are talking with parents about their child who is perfect in every way in their eyes. The following positive expressions were taken from "Conference Time," produced by the National Education Association.

Positive Expression	Negative Expression
Should	Must
Can do more when s/he tries	Lazy
Disturbs the class	Trouble-maker
Depends on others to do his work	Cheats
Working at his own level	Below average
Insists on having his own way	Stubborn
Not challenged	Disinterested
Could make better use of his/her time	Wastes time
Difficulty in getting along with others	Bullies
Uses unbecoming language	Swears
Tries to get attention	Shows off
Inconsiderate of others	Rude
Has a chance of passing, if	Will fail
Outspoken	Insolent
Achieving below his ability level	Poor grade of work
Can do better work with help	Stupid
Poor habits	Unclean
Cooperation	Help
Usually	Time and again
Failed to meet requirements	Failure