

Communication Questions for Students who are Nonverbal

If a student is nonverbal, ask his parent or caregiver questions to better understand how he communicates. Here's some to get you started!

1. How does your child communicate?
2. Does he sign? If so, what are three signs we should learn?
3. Does he use different types of vocalizations or movements to signify different feelings?
4. Does he use gestures to communicate?
5. Does he point or nod yes and no when prompted?
6. Does he have a communication device? If yes...
 - What kind of support does he need with his device?
 - Does he need help carrying it or turning it on?
 - Does he need prompting?
 - Is he proficient, or is he still learning to use the device?
 - What should we do if the screen locks up? Is there a password?
 - Can we have a quick tutorial?
 - Is there anything else that we should know about his device?
7. Is there anything else you would like to share?