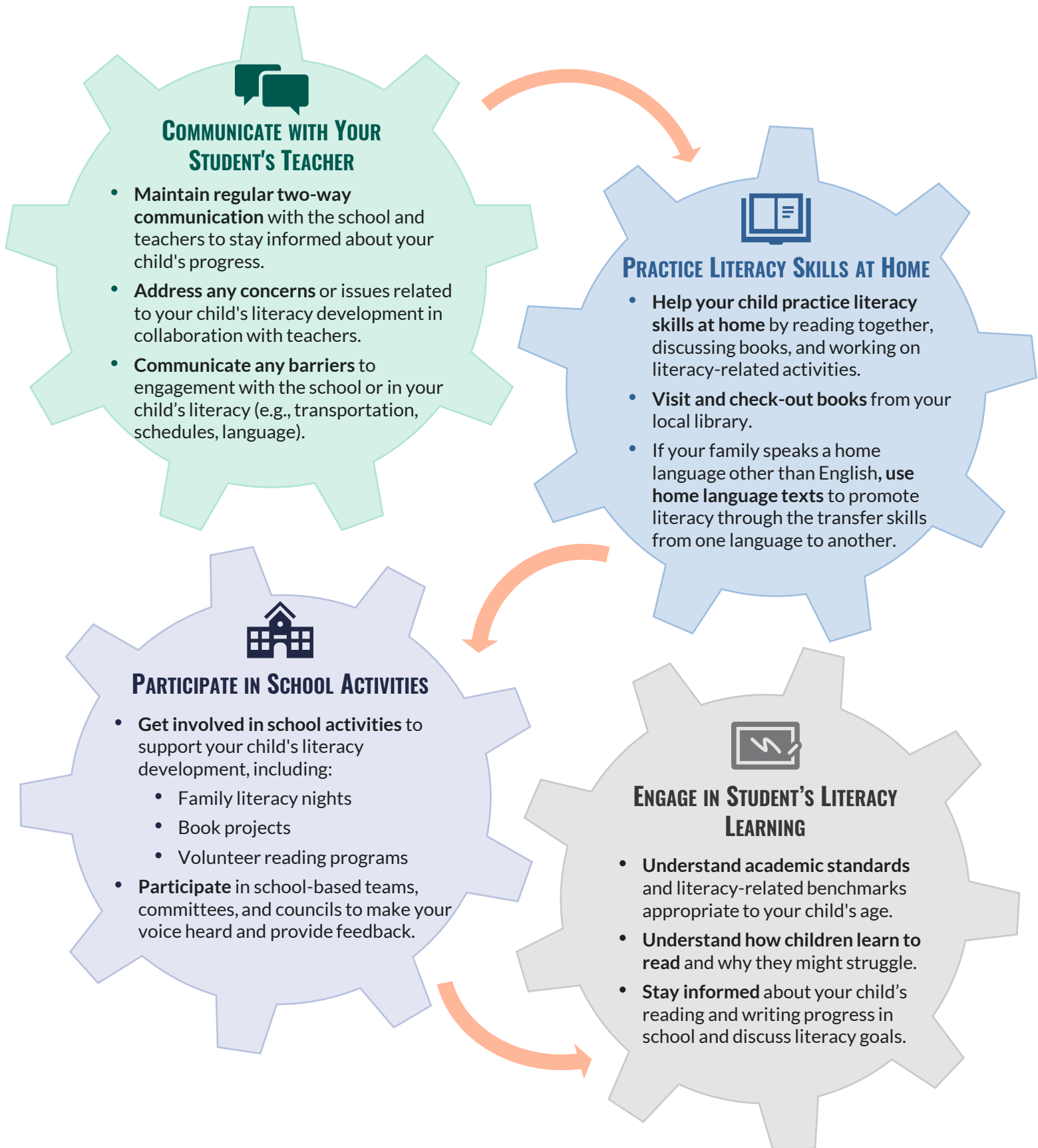


## FAMILY STRATEGIES FOR SUPPORTING STUDENT LITERACY



## AT-HOME LITERACY ACTIVITIES



### Family Book Clubs

Trade books with other families in the class or community.



### Storytelling

Read and tell stories, document or write stories, or record stories on a phone



### Family Fun or Game Night

Reading is involved in games and activities like charades, board games, or card games. Have your child read the game's directions.



### Family Movie Night

Read books first then watch the movie.



### Table Topics

Place topics in a bowl and pull one each night and discuss.



### Recipes

Read the ingredients and steps with your child while cooking a favorite dish.



### Bedtime Reading

Let your child select a book that you or they can read aloud.



### Environmental Labels

Read road signs, grocery items, and building signs. Label items around home.

## GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR SUPPORTING LITERACY

### Communicate and Interact Often

- What are the school's literacy goals for children and families?
- How does the school partner with families when developing its language and literacy goals for students?
- How can I support my child's language and literacy goals?

### Discuss Literacy Instruction and Intervention

- What does my child need to know and be able to do?
- How is reading taught and by whom?
- When and for how long does literacy instruction and intervention happen?
- How many children join?
- What school materials or trainings about literacy are available to families?

### Practice Literacy Skills at Home

- What activities will help my child practice the skills learned at school?
- What strategies should I use to help my child read or write?
- What tools are available to help my child practice these skills?

### Address Concerns Together

- How is my child's language and literacy learning being supported in the school's system of learning support?
- How are you monitoring my child's language and literacy progress?
- What might happen next if my child continues to struggle?

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