

Making the Most of Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parents and teachers both play a significant part in the education of our children. Although each has different roles to play, both have an important voice to be heard. Therefore, it is critical that they partner together in educating students. The better the teacher and parent work together, the more the student benefits. Parent-teacher conferences, provides a wonderful opportunity for communication.



To make the most of these parent - teacher conferences, consider the following:

Talk with your child to determine if there are any concerns you should discuss with the teacher.

Write down any questions or concerns you have about your child's progress or school experience before going to the conference.

Arrive on time to the conference.

Discuss your most important concerns at the beginning of the conference.

Find out at what level your child is reading and if he/she has math skills necessary for his/her grade.

Ask to see examples of your child's work to better understand what the teacher is saying.

Discuss your child's work habits and questions regarding homework.

Find out how your child responds to test situations.

Ask your child's teacher about how your child gets along with others and any behavior concerns.

If you are unsure of what the teacher is saying, ask for further explanation.



Share with the teacher your child's interests and talents.

Discuss and medical or health needs of your child.

Inform the teacher of anything in your child's life that may be cause considerable stress.

Ask the teacher what you can do at home to help your child be more successful at school.

Together develop a plan to address areas of concern for your child.

Continue communicating with the teacher to discuss how the action plan is working.