



Preparing for Parent Teacher Conferences

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Talk to your child before the conference.

Be familiar with your child's homework assignments and if they are struggling with anything. Is their work being completed? Does your child understand the assignments? Does the work seem too easy or too difficult? Find out if your child has specific concerns about their schoolwork.



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Prepare a list of questions you want to ask the teacher.

EXAMPLES

- What are my child's strengths?
- How does my child get along with others?
- Is my child meeting expectations?
- What else can be done at home or school?
- Are there materials or resources that you would recommend?



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Listen carefully and offer your perspective.

It is perfectly acceptable to take notes. It can help you remember details so that you can ask questions later.

Be sure to offer your views of your child's strengths and areas where help might be needed. Provide observations and any concerns.



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Don't be afraid to ask questions.

If you do not understand something or feel your concerns are not being addressed, then ask the teacher. Ask what test scores and their results mean for your child. Ask for explanation of unfamiliar terms or programs. **Not understanding can quickly lead to misunderstanding.**

Why?

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Request an interpreter.

You have the right to request that an interpreter attend the conference. You can also bring a friend or relative to interpret. It is preferred that your child does not translate for you.

