

A Conference with Your Child's Teacher



A parent-teacher conference is scheduled in Montgomery County Public Schools to provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to talk about a child's performance and the educational program. Sharing this information increases parents and children's awareness of the essential parent/teacher partnership, which supports learning.

Things to Remember

1. Think about questions to ask before the meeting and write them down.
2. If the time is not convenient, call the school to arrange another appointment.
3. Contact the school in advance if you need an interpreter, or bring someone who can interpret for you.
4. Arrange to leave very young children with a friend or babysitter if all possible. This will allow you to focus on the conference.
5. Be on time for the conference.

What You Might Tell the Teacher

1. Your child's special interests and abilities.
2. What your child says about school.
3. Any special health or family concerns

Other

What You Might Want to Ask the Teacher

1. May I see samples of my child's work and the books being used?
2. What are my child's strengths and needs?
3. Is my child performing at grade level in reading, writing and math?
4. Have standardized tests been given to my child in the past year? What do the scores mean?
5. Have you observed any special interests or talents my child may have?
6. How can I help at home? What role should I play in relation to homework?

Other

Before You Leave

1. Make sure you both understand any actions you are agreeing to do.
2. Schedule a follow up conference as needed.
3. Ask how to contact the teacher if you have additional questions.

Conference Follow-Up

Make sure your child understands that you and the teachers are working together.

1. Discuss the conference with the child. Mention the "good news" first.
2. Begin immediately to follow through on conference suggestions.
3. Keep in touch with the teacher.