

PREPARING FOR *High School* Parent–Teacher Conferences



Get ready! Your child's school will invite you to a parent-teacher conference in November. This is a great opportunity for you to talk with your child's teacher about how your child is doing in school, academically and socially. Remember that you are always welcome at your child's school!



What we know. Students do best when their teachers, parents and caregivers work as partners. We also know these meetings can feel intimidating. The suggested checklist can help you get the information you need to help your child succeed. Feel free to add your own questions.



Is this my only chance to meet with my child's teacher? You can talk with your child's teacher anytime during the school year. You do not have to wait for the parent-teacher conference. Interpreters are available for parent-teacher conferences. If you need one, please contact your child's teacher in advance.



What questions should I ask my child's teacher?

- ☐ Is my child performing at or above grade level for this class?
- ☐ **Is my child on track to be able to attend and succeed in college?**
- ☐ Is my child in the right classes to complete their career certification program?
- ☐ Does my child participate in class discussions and activities?
- ☐ Can you give me examples of what my child is doing well and what they find difficult?
- ☐ What extra support can the school provide to help my child?
- ☐ Are there after-school programs, clubs or activities that would benefit my child?
- ☐ What can I do at home to support my child at school?



You can also:

- Tell your teacher about your child's interests.
- Tell your teacher if your child is having any emotional or health issues.

After the meeting:



Find answers to common questions

You can get answers **24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in any language.**

- Call AskMCPS at **240-740-3000** (any language)

- En español:
240-740-2845

- Email at
AskMCPS@mcpsmd.org
(any language)



<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/askmcps-faqs/>



What is the best way to keep up with my child's work?

Sign up for ParentVue. This is an easy-to-use, mobile-friendly app. Click [here](#) or use the QR code above to get started or to reset your account. For more information or to get technical support, visit: MCPS website > Parents > Parent Resources > then click [Community Tech Support Center Information](#).



What do I do if my child is having behavioral, health or emotional problems?

This information is very important for the school to know. Your child's school counselor can work with you. Please call, write, or email your child's counselor.



My child struggles with homework and I don't know how to help.

Tell your child to speak with their teacher and request help.

If that doesn't help, YOU should call, email, or write a note to the teacher.

Many schools offer free after-school help with Math and English. Ask your child's teacher if your school has this support available. Parents can also call or email the teacher for additional help.

