

What to expect from a student-led parent teacher conference?

A student-led parent teacher conference offers a student centered alternative to traditional conferences. A student-led parent teacher conference not only encourages student attendance, but rather places them in charge of explaining their progress, reflecting on accomplishments, and setting short and long-term goals. The format may vary but, the following is a general outline of what you can expect as you meet briefly with each teacher.

1. The student shares an evaluation of each class with the parent and teacher.
2. Together with parent and teacher input, a learning goal is established for each class.
3. Given teacher input, parents and students may then work together to create a plan on how to achieve the goals. Students are encouraged to share their plans with their teachers so they can support them in accomplishing their goal.
4. If additional time is needed, parents are always welcome to visit their student's teachers by appointment any day ½ hour before or after school.

Supporting Your Child's Educational Goals

"A goal properly set is halfway reached."

~Abraham Lincoln

Setting S.M.A.R.T. Goals

Specific- The goal should identify a specific action or event that will take place.

Measurable- The goal and its benefits should be quantifiable.

Attainable- The goal should be attainable given available resources.

Realistic- The goal should require you to stretch some, but allow the likelihood of success.

Timely- The goal should state the time period in which it will be accomplished.

Powerful Goals Are...

- Stated in Positive Terms
 - Write what you want, instead of what you don't want!
- Clear and Specific
 - Use simple words to state exactly what you want to achieve.
- Measurable
 - How will you know when you have reached your goals? Examples

Examples:

Instead of...	Write...
Get good grades	Earn an "A" for this grading period...
Don't get in trouble	Earn an "H" on Citizenship Grade...
No more tardies	Be on time for school every day...

Writing STRONG Action Plans to Accomplish Goals...

- Tell HOW you are going to reach your goal
 - Explain what you plan to do, not why you are doing it
- Use Clear and Specific words
 - Use simple words to say exactly what steps you plan to take
- Often include more than one step or strategy
 - List 2 or more steps or strategies you can use to reach each goal

Examples:

Instead of...	Write...
Study more	1. Write down my homework and check my planner at home 2. Study at least 15 minutes a day
Don't be late	1. Set my alarm clock every night 2. Go to bed by 9:30 PM

Student Goals

NOTE: This form is intended to be used by your child as you meet with your child's teachers.

Name _____ Grade ____ Date _____

	My goal is...	How am I doing now?	Why set this goal?
1st hour			
2nd hour			
3rd hour			
4th hour			
5th hour			
6th hour			

