



Family Conferences are an opportunity for parents and families to connect with their students' teachers. These conferences play an important role in establishing a good relationship and we encourage you to ask questions to better understand how you and your child's teacher can work together to succeed in school.

### Before the Conference

Talk to your child about how he or she feels about school, teachers and academic progress. Questions can include:

- What do you like about school?
- What challenges are you having?
- What are your favorite subjects?
- Is there anything you would like me to ask or tell your teacher?

Review your child's recent work and ask yourself:

- Do I have specific concerns about his or her academic progress?
- Do I have questions about the curriculum?
- Do I understand how my child is assessed in class?

### At the Conference

Here are some questions you may consider asking during the conference:

- How does my child participate in class discussions and activities?
- What are my child's best and worst subjects? How can he or she improve in areas that need work?
- What are the standards for my child's grade level? Can you show me an example of work that reflects the highest standard?
- How does my child compare to other children in the class?
- How does my child interact with other children and adults?
- How much help should I provide on homework assignments?
- What is your homework policy, including late and makeup work?
- Is my child trying as hard as he or she can?
- How can I best communicate with you?

### Follow Up After the Conference

Here are some ways to engage with your student after the conference:

- Tell your child how the family conference went.
- Praise your child's strengths.
- Talk with your child about how to address areas for improvement.
- Ask your child how you can continue to help him or her succeed in school.