

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

How to get the most out of your next Parent/Teacher Conference.

This worksheet is designed to be a tool for parents to guide a conversation with their child's teacher. Successful parent/teacher collaboration supports students' success.

Goals and Expectations

1. What skills and knowledge will my child be expected to master this year?
2. Explain your goals for my child and how you monitor their progress.
3. How are grades determined in your classroom?

Personal Growth

1. Tell me what you've observed about my child's work and behavior.
2. Based on your observations, how do you expect my child will do this year?
3. How does my child fit in with their peers?
4. How do you accommodate differences in learning?
5. What if my child is a slow learner and falls behind, or is a fast learner and is bored?
6. What options are available for students who need more help or want more of a challenge?

How Can I Help?

1. What should we expect in terms of homework? How do you suggest I monitor work at home to know if my child is struggling or not?
2. What are the best resources you suggest I consult to help support my child?
3. How would you like to be contacted if I have a question or concern?
4. Is there anything we did not cover you want me to know?



Prepare the questions and topics you want to cover at the conference. Plan to take notes.



Arrive a few minutes early.



Begin with positive comments about the teacher or classroom and stay focused. Avoid going off on tangents.



Be open to what the teacher is saying. Try to be objective.



Express appreciation for the conference and follow up if necessary.