

Back-to-School Conference Questions



FOR PARENTS TO SHARE WITH THE TEACHER

- Any changes in the home or family situation that might affect your child (behavior, achievement, or other)
- Whether your child is experiencing difficulties (academic, social, or other) at school

FOR PARENTS TO ASK ABOUT THE SCHOOL

- How is the school working to keep students on track and/or raise achievement?
- How can I stay aware of what my child's assignments are and how my child is doing in class?
- [In the fall:] What are students expected to master by the end of the year? How will you be gauging my child's progress toward these goals?
- If my child is falling behind, how will I be notified?

FOR PARENTS TO ASK ABOUT THEIR CHILD

- What are my child's academic strengths? What areas need improvement?
- What is my child's current achievement level and how does it compare with other students in the same age group?
- What specific things can I do to support my child and reinforce classroom lessons at home?
- How do you view my child's emotional and social skills?
- With whom does my child socialize? How does my child relate to peers and adults?
- How does my child do with working in groups and working independently?
- Does my child exhibit a good attitude toward learning? Does my child make a good effort on assignments and turn in completed assignments?
- Does my child stay on task well or need frequent reminders? Has my child been developing good work habits?
- Does my child participate in class? Does my child behave in class?
- How much time should my child be spending on homework each night?
- Have you noticed any issues that need to be addressed or interests to be encouraged?