Get the Most Out of Your Next Parent-Teacher Conference

The parent-teacher conference is a chance for both parent and teacher to learn about the child. Think about what questions to ask of your child's teacher and what you want to share about your child's learning style.

Using this worksheet as a guide, prepare a list of questions in advance. Here are 10 questions to help get you started:

LEARNING GOALS

- [ ] **What are my child's learning goals this year?**

  Find out what your child is expected to learn this year. Ask if the school holds curriculum nights—these events are a great way for you to learn what's happening in the classroom and how you can help at home.

- [ ] **What is my child doing well?**

  Talk about what your child is good at and what he or she loves — is he reading a favorite book series? Does she love math or singing or baseball? What motivates your child to try hard?

- [ ] **Are there areas where my child is behind or having trouble with class work?**

  Tell the teacher if you have seen your child struggle or get frustrated with homework or if he or she is having any trouble with skills like reading, speaking aloud, or math.

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Check out more parent-teacher conference resources here:

bealearninghero.org/ptconf

Ask your child's teacher how you can stay in touch and be supportive throughout the school year!

SOCIAL AND LEARNING SKILLS

- [ ] **Share your child's strengths, interests and learning habits with your child's teacher.**

  Try completing Learning Heroes' Character Strength Finder to help you discover important things about your child's character strengths that you can share with your child's teacher: bealearninghero.org/character-strengths

- [ ] **How does my child participate during class or group activities?**

  Find out if your child is engaged and if he or she feels comfortable in the class and among classmates.

- [ ] **How does my child handle new or challenging subject matter?**

  Try this easy to use 'Growth Mindset' resource to help your child deal with struggles and strengths: bealearninghero.org/growth-mindset

HOW TO HELP AT HOME

- [ ] **What should I do to help my child learn at home?**

  Talk about what you already do to help your child with learning, and ask about what else you can do. Talk about homework, reading, educational games, etc.

- [ ] **How can I help with homework?**

  Talk about how much time your child spends on homework now and what's expected. What's the best way to balance homework with activities and chores? What should I do when my child is struggling with homework?

IN THE CLASSROOM

- [ ] **How do I know if my child is on track?**

  Find out the different ways you can follow your child's progress. For example, a combination of test scores, observation, quizzes and group activities can help provide an accurate picture of how your child is doing.

- [ ] **How can you tell if my child is being challenged? How is creativity encouraged?**

  Tell your child's teacher if your child finds his or her work too hard or easy. If your child is bored, this is important to share. Your child's teacher can help to work out a plan to keep your child engaged.

NOTES

It's important for your child to see that you and the teacher are working together to support him or her throughout the year!