

# Questions prepare parents for a parent-teacher conference

To better prepare parents for parent-teacher conferences, consider sending home a list of questions they might ask during a conference.

1. What is my child's class schedule?
2. What do you expect my child to learn this year in reading? Math? Science? Social studies?
3. Are children grouped for reading, math, or other subjects? What group is my child in and how are children selected for that group?
4. Is my child working up to his or her ability?
5. In what areas is he or she doing well?
6. In what subjects does he or she need to improve?
7. What are the most important things for the children in your classroom to learn this year? What can I do at home to encourage that?
8. How is my child's work evaluated?
9. Can you show me examples of my child's work — classroom projects, tests, special assignments?
10. How much time should my child spend on homework each night? How can I help with homework?
11. What can you tell me about how my child seems to learn best? Is he or she a hands-on learner? Does he or she need to move around? Does he enjoy learning in a cooperative group or prefer working alone in a quiet place?
12. How do your classroom strategies complement my child's preferred learning style?
13. Does the school have a code of conduct? How do you discipline students in your classroom?
14. Does my child get along with other children? With you?
15. How can I reinforce classroom learning at home or learn more about my child's progress in school? Are there opportunities for parents to be involved in classroom activities?



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