



**CLACKAMAS  
MIDDLE COLLEGE**

# Parent Conferences

*How to Prepare, Questions to Ask*

Parent Conferences will be Tuesday, November 26th from 11am-7pm. We will have a Russian interpreter here from 5pm-7pm, and a Spanish interpreter here from 6pm-7pm. On the next page, you will find a list of suggestions for how to prepare for conferences, as well as some questions you might want to ask your child's teachers.



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**Choose the questions that are most important to you, and add your own questions. Take this list to the conference.**

Can I see some of my child's work?

Is my child on grade level for reading? What about math, science and writing?

Does my child need extra help in any areas?

Where can we go for help?

What is my child's attitude like in class?

How do you handle discipline?

How is my child doing socially and emotionally?

Does my child participate in class discussions?

Does my child turn in homework?

How can I help my child at home?

What do you see as my child's strengths?

What can be done if my child is not being challenged enough?

Which subjects are the most challenging for my child? How do you help him manage his struggles?

What's the best way to communicate with you? Do you prefer email, phone or text message?

## **Before the Conference**

Prepare, Prepare, Prepare.

Ask your child how they feel about school.

Find out if there is anything that they want you to talk about with the teachers.

Make notes and a list of topics that you want to talk about with the teachers. If needed, request an interpreter to assist you during the meeting.

## **During the Conference**

Be on time (or early) for the meeting, if you have scheduled a specific time.

End the meeting on time. Other parents will probably have a conference after yours.

Let the teacher begin the meeting but be sure to ask your questions before time runs out. Ask the most important questions first.

Find out the best way and time to communicate with your child's teacher.

## **At home after the conference**

Whether or not your child attended the conference with you, it's very helpful to sit down with him the same day to discuss what occurred. Talk about the positive points, and be direct about problems.

Talk about learning goals and make a plan to reach them together. Keep in touch with the teacher during the school year.

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