

# How should you follow up?

## Make a plan.

- 🐾 Make a plan to check in with the teacher in the coming months
- 🐾 Write down things that you and the teacher will do to support your scholar

## Schedule another time to talk.

- 🐾 Ask how to contact the teacher
- 🐾 Ask how the teacher will contact you

## Talk to your scholar.

- 🐾 Parent-teacher conferences are about your scholar; do not forget to include him or her
- 🐾 Share with him/her what you learned
- 🐾 Show him/her how you will help with learning at home
- 🐾 Ask for his/her suggestions

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## Parent-Teacher Conference *Guidelines for Parents*

Parent-Teacher Conferences are a great way to start talking with your child's teachers. The following guide suggests ways that you can make the most of Parent-Teacher Conferences, so that everyone wins, especially our scholars.

**One TEAM, One VISION, One GOAL**

Parents, you are your child's first and most important teacher. You and your child's school have something in common: You both want your child to learn and do well.

When parents and teachers talk to each other, each person can share important information about your child's talents and needs. Each of you can also learn something new about how to help your child succeed.

## What to expect:

### Two-Way conversation

Like all good conversations, parent-teacher conferences are best when both people talk and listen. The conference is a time for you to learn about your child's progress in school:

- 🐾 Ask to see data about your child's attendance, grades, and test scores
- 🐾 Find out whether your child is meeting school expectations and academic standards
- 🐾 Ask for the success standards for your scholar's grade level

### Emphasis on learning

Good parent-teacher conferences focus on how well your scholar is doing in school. They also talk about how your child can do even better. To get ready for the conversation:

- 🐾 Look over your scholar's homework, tests, and notices
- 🐾 Bring a list of questions to ask the teacher

### Opportunities & challenges

Teachers want your scholar to succeed. It is important for you to hear positive feedback about your scholar's progress and also about areas for improvement.

- 🐾 Think about your scholar's strengths and challenges before the conference
- 🐾 Be ready to ask questions about ways you and the teacher can help your scholar with some of his or her challenges

## Parent-Teacher Conference Checklist



## What should you talk to the teacher about?

### Progress

Find out how your child is doing by asking questions like:

- 🐾 Is my scholar performing at grade level?
- 🐾 How is he/she doing compared to the rest of the class?
- 🐾 What technology is used in the classroom?
- 🐾 According to the state standards, where is the school district leveled?

### Assignment & assessments

- 🐾 Ask to see examples of your scholar's work
- 🐾 Ask how the teacher gives grades

### Support for learning at home

- 🐾 Ask what you can do at home to help your scholar
- 🐾 Ask if the teacher knows of programs or services in the community that could also help your scholar

### Support for learning at school

- 🐾 Find out what services are available at the school to help your scholar
- 🐾 Ask what services are available at the school to help your scholar when needed

