



Parent Conferences

[VIDEO: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE TIPS](#)



Name: _____ Date: _____

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[Student Reflection sheet for parent conferences](#)

Conference Tips

- Focus your comments and efforts only on things that can be changed.
- Limit the number of suggestions for improvements so that parents are not overwhelmed.
- Speak plainly and avoid jargon and euphemistic language.
- Be tactful, but not so tactful that you don't adequately communicate the problem.
- Ask for and listen to parents' reactions.
<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/planning-parent-conferences>

Parent perspectives on conferences:

“Don’t wait for a conference if my child is really struggling. Conferences should be about a student’s overall progress, but if there has been no progress in a certain area, I should be notified sooner rather than later.”

“Think before-hand about how my child’s strengths can help their weaknesses. To me, the time we spend talking about what my daughter does well is not wasted. Sometimes, we can take some of those good skills and use them to guide her in other subjects.”

“Back up your criticisms with ideas. I asked a teacher for online resources we could use at home to help my daughter’s progress in a certain area, and she had no ideas. It does me no good to simply hear that my daughter’s not doing well at something, but specific information and specific resources can help me to help her.”

How to deal with angry parents:

<http://www.nea.org/home/12800.htm>

