

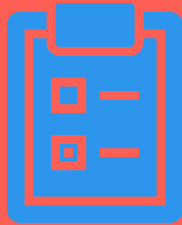
5 Tips

for Parent Teacher Conferences



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Send a Survey

The week before the conference send the parents a short survey asking them if they have specific questions they would like to discuss or work samples they would like to see.

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Share Personal Growth

What do you appreciate about this student? Do they say good morning each day without fail? Do they notice when another student is left out? Do they make you laugh when you really need it? Do they persist even when things get difficult?

Set the stage for the conference by showing that you see and honor their child as a child of God.

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Share Academic Growth

How has the student progressed? Share work samples and describe what attributed to the success.

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Share an Area of Focus

What specific goal do you have for this child academically or behaviorally? Help the parent understand this area of weakness by showing examples. What specifically do you plan to do to support the child's growth in this area? How can they support their child at home in this area?

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Ask for Input

What can the parent share with you to better understand their child? What makes him happy about school? What frustrates her? What do they notice when he completes his homework at home?