PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE TIPS

What happens in a 10-20 minute* Parent-Teacher conference?

PURPOSE
The Parent-Teacher conference is an opportunity to put a name with a face and to build a connection with your scholar’s school. You will gain insight into your scholar’s academic profile.

PARENT ROLE
Your role is to share helpful information about your scholar’s personality and goals which will help the teacher best empower and teach him or her. Be open to learning more about your scholar in a school setting.

TEACHER’S ROLE
The teacher will give the parent a full picture of what the scholar is doing in the classroom, including behavior and academic progress as well as how he/she is fitting into the broader culture of the school.

WHO PARTICIPATES?
Parent, the teacher, & the scholar

TOP 5 FOCUS AREAS

1. ACADEMIC DATA
   How is my scholar doing in reading and math? Where is my scholar compared to others? Can I see examples of their work?

2. CHALLENGES AS OPPORTUNITIES
   What are the academic challenges you’ve noticed for my scholar? Are there supports in the school to assist him or her?

3. SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION
   What can I be doing to at home to support what you are doing in the classroom?

4. SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL
   How is my scholar doing socially? What support is in place to encourage social-emotional development?

5. PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATION
   What community partners do you have in the building? How can I be more involved in the school? How can you utilize my family achievement coach to support my scholar?

TIPS
• Assume good intent
• Keep an open mind
• Set a goal for your scholar that you and the teacher can support
• Follow up with the teacher on your scholar’s progress

* Conference times may vary