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# How to Tackle Parent Teacher Conferences

And support your child and their teachers

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# Support a Teacher=Support Students

- Volunteer if you can. Volunteering is a great way to get to know more about your child and the school they attend.
  - Offer to come to school and share your unique talents.
  - Offer to organize field trips.
  - Offer to help in your child's class on regular basis.
  - Some teachers love lots of volunteers and some do not.
  - We are in a teacher shortage. Give them some love if you can.
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# What to Expect by Age Level

## Elementary

Conferences scheduled 20 to 30 minutes twice a year.  
(Student Led Conferences in some classrooms, Spring)

## Middle School

Arena style conferences twice a year. Online applications to track student grades.

## High School

Arena style conferences twice a year. Online applications to track student grades.

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# What to Ask at a Conference

1. What is your preferred method of communication when I have a question about my child?
  2. How is my child doing socially?
  3. What are my child's academic strengths?
  4. What is an area that we need to work on?
  5. Are there behaviors you see at school (both good and bad) that you think I might not be seeing at home?
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