

Oakestown Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 22

3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 29

3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

The Oakestown staff would like to invite you to attend our Parent Teacher Conferences. **You will have the option to schedule a conference with your student's math teacher and reading/ELA teacher.**

Conferences will be conducted in 6 minute rotations. Sign up will be on a first-come, first-serve basis through a scheduling program accessible via PowerSchool called PowerPTC.

Sign ups will be open Friday, October 2 at 8:00am through Monday, October 19.

All other teachers - PE, Art, General Music, Resource Room, Speech, Social Work - will be available for a drop-in meeting but will not be scheduled ahead of time. Please stop by their rooms at your convenience during conference times, and they will meet on a first-come, first-served basis.

How do I sign up for conferences?

You will sign into [PowerSchool](#) (via the website and not the app) to access our scheduling program.

PowerPTC

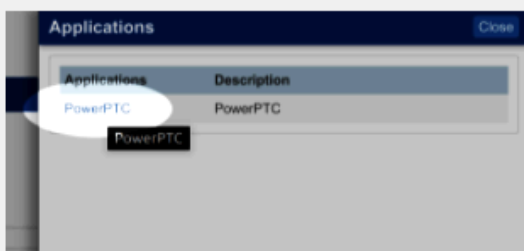
Quick Start Guide

Log into your PowerSchool's Parent Portal

1. Open a web browser and navigate to Grandville's PowerSchool Parent Portal.
2. Log into Parent Portal with your username and password.
3. Click on the **Applications** menu in the upper right-hand corner.



4. Click on the **PowerPTC** menu item to log into PowerPTC to schedule your conferences.



Scheduling Your Conferences

1. Click on **Conference Schedule**.
2. Select the **date** you would like to schedule your appointments on.
3. Select a starting **time** for your appointments.
4. Click **Build Your Schedule Now!**
5. Finally, click **Print Schedule** to create a hard copy of your parent-teacher conference schedule.
6. If you are scheduling for more than one student, you can switch the active student you are scheduled for by clicking on the **Select a Student** link from the left-hand menu.

* If you can't log into PowerSchool, contact the office. Please check that your email address is correct in PowerSchool as well, as that is how the program will connect you to your child's schedule.

Additional Details

- ***Because of the way we schedule courses at Oakestown, your child's homeroom teacher primarily teaches math/science OR reading/writing and they switch with a partner teacher. Both teachers are available to meet with during conferences. Please make sure to schedule a time with both teachers if you want to meet with both. If you do not want to meet with one of the teachers, UNCHECK the box next to their name while scheduling conferences.***
- We only schedule one conference per child, per teacher. Because of time, we are not able to hold multiple conferences for children from multiple households. So we ask that both households attend the conference, or work out an alternative plan. Many have one household attend the Fall conferences, and the other household attend the Spring conference.
- Talk with your child ahead of time. Ask them for their perspective on their learning and school experience. Ask what they think the teacher will have to say and why.
- Share information with the teacher and do not hold back any concerns. If you have noticed changes or difficulties at home, they may be impacting learning.
- Be open to suggestions or teacher concerns. Ask what you can do at home to support efforts at school. Challenges that students have at school or suggestions from teachers are not a criticism of your family or your ability as a parent.
- If disagreements occur, focus on facts and be honest about your perspective. Calmly explaining your perspective with supportive details is the best way to find a win-win solution.
- If you have additional concerns, questions, or run out of time, ask the teacher to schedule an additional meeting or phone call to continue the dialog.
- Talk with your child after the conference. Be open about the concerns that were discussed and share the praise of their successes. Remind them that we are all working together to help them learn.