



TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Express positive interest and anticipation about the conference.
- Be on time.
- Listen and respond to the student (not the teacher).
- Express pride in growth and progress.
- Ask questions (see below for samples).
- Be positive, offering to help in areas where improvement is needed.
- Recognize that students need to develop independence in communicating progress – the teacher will be there to facilitate and answer specific questions but will not take charge of the conference.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING THE CONFERENCE

- Can you explain this to me?
- How did you come up with this idea?
- How have you grown in this area?
- How can you improve in this area?
- How can we help you at home?
- What was important to you about this?
- If you could do this work over again, how would you change it?
- What future goals do you have as a student?

