



# TIPS for parents Parent-Teacher Conferences

During the school year, teachers will invite you to come to parent-teacher meetings (also called conferences). This is very common in the United States. You can also ask for a conference any time.

## Getting Started

**What:** The conference is a meeting between you and your child's teacher.

**When:** Your child's teacher will contact you to set up a meeting time.

**Why:** The conference gives you a chance to talk with your child's teacher.

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## Questions

### What if I work during the day?

Let the teacher know you can only go to conferences at night.

### What will I learn?

You will learn more about your child's classes, and find out if your child is having any problems.

### What if I don't speak English?

You have the right to have an interpreter attend the conference.

### What will the teacher ask me?

Teachers like to learn about students from their parents. No one knows your child better than you do. You can help the teacher by talking about:

### What will we talk about?

Your child's teacher will probably talk about your child's grades, classwork, homework, and behavior.

- What your child likes to do
- Events that may affect your child (such as a new baby, divorce or death)
- Special medical or learning needs

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## Things to Remember

If you are invited to a conference, it doesn't mean your child is in trouble! Teachers try to meet with all parents.

You and the teacher both want the very best for your child. You can help your child by working together as a team.

