

3 ways to engage your child in parent-teacher conferences



1. Talk with your child before the conference.

Ask questions like:

- What's going well for you at school? What's hard for you at school?
- What do you want me to tell your teacher?
- What do you think your teacher will share with me?

2. Involve your child in the conference.

Ask the teacher if your child can go to the conference. If it's OK, then...

- Tell your child that this conference isn't just for adults. It's important for kids to talk about their learning, too.
- Invite your child to bring a list of accomplishments from the school year.
- If there are sensitive topics, excuse your child while you talk with the teacher privately. You can talk with your child about those topics later.

3. Talk with your child after the conference.

- Talk together about the main topics from the conference.
- Use real-life examples to explain any concerns the teacher brought up.
- Give your child time to think about the information.
- Invite your child to ask questions.

Read more at u.org/child-parent-teacher-conference