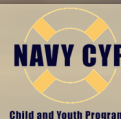




SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM NEWS



Goals of Effective Parent-Teacher Conference

Parent-Teacher conferences are a vital component of a child's education, in all grade levels. These conferences provide an opportunity for parents and guardians to connect with the teacher and discuss the student's academic progress, social development and overall performance in school. Many schools are turning toward student-led conferences where the student shares their portfolio of work and discusses progress with family members. These types of conferences can:

- Provide powerful opportunities for students to advocate for their own learning.
- Allow students to demonstrate responsibility for their academic performance.
- Encourage students to think critically about their own abilities and achievements.
- Help students develop skills they'll use long after they've finished school.

Whether these meetings involve student participation or not, data has shown that parent and guardian involvement in a child's education can lead to better academic outcomes, improved attendance and higher graduation rates.

Here are five reasons why parent-teacher conferences are important:

1. Understanding the student's strengths—Teachers can provide insight into child's academic abilities, areas of improvement, and overall progress in the classroom. This information can help families better support their child's learning at home.
2. Building a positive relationship between families and teachers—Parents/guardians and teachers can create a supportive learning environment and set goals that benefits the child's academic and social development.
3. Encouraging Parent Involvement—By parents/guardians attending conferences, they demonstrate their commitment to their child's education, and teachers can provide suggestions for how families can be more involved in their child's learning at home.
4. Addressing concerns and issues—This conference can open dialogue that can help identify any issues early on and address them before they become more significant problem.
5. Developing a plan for academic success—Teachers can provide guidance on how families can support their child's learning at home, and parents/guardians can ask questions and provide feedback on how their child is progressing in school.

Parent-teacher conferences are an essential component of a child's education. They provide an opportunity for parents/guardians and teachers to discuss the child's academic progress, social development, and overall academic performance. By attending conferences, teachers and parents/guardians can work together to support child's learning at home and at school.

Source: *Parent Square* <https://www.parentsquare.com/blog/why-are-parent-teacher-conferences-important/>

Did You Know?

- **CCPS Charter School Phoenix International School of the Arts' 2024 -25 enrollment is now open.**
- **Dec. 4 CCPS Tech Talk for parents**
An in-person educational session for parents is set for 6-7 pm on at Milton M. Somers Middle School.
- **CCPS Judy Center** serving children under 5 with special needs has play-group at IH Elementary School
- **IH Elementary School** has Food Bank.
- **KGCS 2024-2025 SYcalendar is available on their school website**
- **Department of the Navy has various STEM** opportunities for high school and college students? Visit the [Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program \(NREIP\)](#) and the [Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program \(SEAP\)](#) links or email to naval_internships@navy.mil for more info.
- **Tutor.com** has a monthly newsletter and webinar for military-connected users? Please visit [Military Monthly Messaging from Tutor.com](#).
- * **Health and Human Services** offers student volunteer internship opportunities year-round (spring, summer & fall) If interested, send email to whaanhiinterns@hhs.gov with subject line "Internship Application for WHIAANHIPI."

Key Dates & Events

- *Dec. 1, 2023 –due date for Orion Scholarships for Grades 8-12 . To apply [Eligibility — Orion Military Scholarships](#)
- *Dec. 3, 2023 –Operation Homefront's Military Youth of the Year deadline. More info at [Military Child of the Year® Award - Operation Homefront](#) .
- *DODEA's accelerated withdrawal policy is 20 or fewer instructional days prior to the end of the semester. Instructions can be found at [Accelerated Withdrawal for Dependents with Permanent Change of Station Orders | DoDEA](#)

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Are you transitioning in and out of Dahlgren, King George or Charles Counties with school-age child/ren? Contact Dahlgren or Indian Head Youth centers for a sponsor at 540-653-8009 (DL) or 301-743-5456 (IH).

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