



MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

20 Parent – Teacher Conference Questions

“Go Into Your Conference Ready to Ask and Learn”

Why is it that you can think of 100 questions for your child’s teacher on any given day of the week, but when you get face-to face, good parent-teacher conference questions escape you?

No matter how old your kids are, a parent-teacher conference can be productive and insightful if you go in with the right questions or discussion points.



Parent – Teacher Conference Questions for Kindergarten through Second Grade

1. Is my child responsible? Is my child respectful? Does my child use manners?*
2. How can I help support the class?*
3. Are there behaviors you’re seeing at school that you think I might not be seeing at home?
4. What can we do at home to learn through play while staying on track with what you’re teaching?
5. What should I want my child to walk away with come the end of this school year?

Parent – Teacher Conference Questions for Third through Fifth Grade

6. What can I do to help my child in reading and math?
7. What areas are my child's strengths/weaknesses?*
8. What skills are most important to master at my child's current level that can be worked on at home?
9. Are there any specific websites or resources we can use at home to boost those skills?*
10. What can we do when we get stuck on homework?
11. What else can I do with my child besides having them read every night to help grow his/her vocabulary and fluency?
12. How can I help establish responsibility in my child?*
13. How do they seem to be getting along with the other students?
14. Here's something that's going on at home that might be affecting their behavior (grandpa passed away, a sibling is sick, divorce, etc.). *



Parent - Teacher Conference Questions for Middle School and High School

Note: Several High School teachers recommend that the students are present for conferences to get their perspective and insight into how they are doing!

15. Are there any resources you can recommend to help prep for standardized tests, and college entrance exams such as the SAT or ACT?
16. How can we work as partners to make this a successful year for my child?*
17. What's the best way to communicate with you? (Each teacher might have a preferred method).
18. What has the biggest impact on my child's grade in this class?
19. How can I best keep up with dates for assignments, quizzes, tests, etc.?*
20. As we prepare to leave High School, what areas of potential growth do you see in my child?

If your Child Has an IEP or 504

1. Have you read the IEP or 504?
2. What accommodations/modifications are being made for my child?
3. What is the school's process when dealing with students with an IEP/504?

*This question works for any grade level.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me:

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