

The MEA Advantage

New Member Tips K-12

Educating Parents about Conferences

Many times parents are as nervous about a conference with their child's teacher as you are with the child's parents. Consider some of these ways that parents can prepare themselves for a conference with you.

Include these ideas in your letter inviting parents to the conference.

- Talk to your child so that he/she understands that you and the teacher are working together.
- Ask if your child is having any problems in any specific classes or subjects.
- Find out which are your child's favorite classes and why.
- Make a list of questions you want to ask the teacher and any information you would like to share.
- Take notes during the conference.
- Ask questions to clarify anything you don't understand.
- Share your insights about your child's talents, skills, study habits, or concerns.
- Discuss any change in your child's behavior that might help a teacher understand your child better.
- Ask how you can help your child at home.
- Make it clear if you think your child needs help. Try to be specific in what you think the school can do for your child.