

## Parent Teacher Conference Interview

Interview a teacher or parent about a parent-teacher conference in which he or she participated. Identify a few key characteristics of the interviewee and the grade level of the child who was the subject of the conference.

- A. Ask the interviewee to think of one recent parent-teacher or parent-teacher-student conference and answer the following questions about that one conference:
  1. What was the purpose of the conference? What was the content? How was it organized?
  2. How would you describe the tone of the conference, feelings of the participants, and quality of the exchanges?
  3. Was the student present?
    - a. If YES how did this affect the conference?
    - b. If NO, how might that have affected the conference?
  4. Give an example of whether (and how) you:
    - a. Exchanged information about the student as a person, with interests, strengths, talents, concerns, and needs.
    - b. Gained information about the student's progress on work in school in specific subjects, general knowledge, and social skills.
    - c. Discussed important goals and strategies for reaching goals for progress in learning and success, including help needed to reach new goals.
- B. Add at least one question of your own about a parent-teacher conference, its schedule, content, follow-up, or other important topic.
- C. Discuss why you think this was a good or poor conference.