

*****Student-Led Conferences 1st Quarter *****

Purpose of your conference: This is your opportunity to share what you think about how you are doing in middle school. You will talk about your strengths and the areas you need to improve on in Social Studies, Language Arts, Math, and Science. This is not just about 1st quarter grades, but a reflection on where you are headed for the rest of middle school. You are leaving childhood and becoming young adults; it is important for you to be involved in conferences about your education.

Agenda

1. Find your file while you are waiting and have it ready to go. Offer your parents/guardian(s) a place to sit in the chairs near where our conference tables are set up. DO NOT rudely hover over students who are finishing up their conferences or make eye contact/try to start a conversation with a friend who is presenting.

2. Introductions: Since your parent/guardian(s) are the guests, you will introduce them to your teacher first, then you will introduce your teacher to your parent/guardians. Example: (standing) "Mom, this is **Mr./Ms. X**; **Mr./Ms. X**, this is my mom, Nancy Smith." (sit)

3. State the purpose of the conference: "During the next 15 minutes I will share with you my strengths and areas I need to improve in my core classes. We will talk about my goals for the end of this year and the beginning of next year. We will also obtain my report card, but you already know what my grades are."

4. Share one strong assignment and one assignment you could have done better on for each class: You will also share one assignment that you choose. DO NOT explain the assignment. For example, "We had to do a personality project about ourselves." Instead, DO discuss what you did well or didn't do well on, such as "I followed *fill in here some good stuff about what they do in language arts that takes up about a sentence or two at least.*"

5. State your goals for 2nd and 3rd quarters: This is your opportunity to share what you have done well if you have been successful up to this point. If you have not been successful, it's an opportunity to share your "game plan" with your parent/guardian and teachers for being successful for the rest of the year. You will have the chance to convince us that you will be able to improve and change what you are doing to be successful.

6. Obtain your report card. DO NOT wait to tell your parent/guardian what your first quarter grades were. Your parent/guardian should already be aware of your grades because you showed them your progress reports and got them signed. You will be sharing what they already know, not surprising them. If more time is needed, we will set up a time for a longer conference on another day.