

Green/Red Placards

7th Grade Ruby Team at Hanshew wants to address the number of interruptions families experience during student-led conferences. They are trying out a new system that gives families uninterrupted time before teachers drop in to report on student progress. Their students are being told to place a RED placard (see attachment) at their table to let others know they have just started conferencing and need some uninterrupted time to get into the rhythm of things. Then the family will change it to GREEN when they are ready for teacher drop-ins.

Thanks to Chantal Davis for sharing her tip and providing attachments to share with others.

Student is going over his/her portfolio



Student responsibilities:

- ☑ Be honest about your behavior/work habits in each core subject area.
- ☑ Use your agenda to help you pace yourself.
- ☑ Thoroughly explain each sample and how it relates to your learning; avoid “show and tell.”



Parent responsibilities:

- ☑ Listen carefully to what your child has to say about his/her work samples; ask clarifying questions.
- ☑ Expect your child to synthesize his/her learning; this is not “show and tell.”
- ☑ Review your child’s goals carefully; offer specific support your family can provide.
- ☑ Behavior/work habits are critical to success at middle school; analyze these carefully.

Ready for **TEACHER** comments



Parent responsibilities:

- When teachers drop in, ask them questions to help you better understand your child's progress in each subject area.
- Schedule another conference if you need more than the 20 minutes for which you have been scheduled.
- Schedule another conference if you need to meet privately with the teachers.



Student responsibilities:

- Introduce your teachers to your parents; use the proper format for making introductions.
- Make sure you listen carefully to your teachers' comments when they drop in; use good eye contact and body language.
- Ask questions to clarify if you are unclear about any of your teachers' suggestions.
- If areas of concern are brought up, offer your own practical solutions for trying to solve the problem.