

It's your Conference day

Here's what to expect



Your child's teacher will look forward to talking with you about your child's individual goals and progress in the classroom so far. She or he will use HighScope's Child Observation Record Family Report to review your child's development in 34 or 36 different areas, all leading to a picture of your child's unique strengths and current interests.

The teacher will work with you to define 3 specific goals based on where your child is now and where you and the teacher will look to next. Your child's teacher will suggest activities that will be used in the classroom to support progress toward these goals as well as activities that you could consider doing at home.

For Head Start children, teachers will also review the Number-Letter identification form as another measure of your child's developmental progress. For both Head Start and Early Head Start children, teachers will have some examples of your child's work in school and will be eager to talk with you about your child's school activities.

PARTNERSHIP

The parent-teacher conference time is also the right time for discussion about any changes at home that may impact your child's school experiences. It is also the right time for any questions you have about your child's time in school. It might feel as though the teacher is giving you a lot of information, so please do ask any questions! Any question you have is important and your child's teachers want to make sure that there is a strong feeling of partnership with you, all working together to support your child's school success.

TIMING

Expect the Conference to last about 30 minutes. Conferences are typically held in the classroom, offering you a chance to see where your child enjoys time in school. The teachers will ask you to sign a form documenting what you talked about and the goals set with you for your child.

ASK QUESTIONS

Please do ask any questions about anything you learn about during the Parent-Teacher Conference. Head Start/Early Head Start teachers' goals are to work closely and respectfully with all families, knowing that the partnership is key to all children's success in school.

