

PREPARING FOR **Middle School**

Parent–Teacher Conferences



Get ready! Your child's school will invite you to a parent-teacher conference in November. This is a great opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about how your child is doing in school, academically and socially. Remember that you are always welcome at your child's school!



What we know. Students do best when their teachers, parents and caregivers work as partners. We also know these meetings can feel intimidating. The suggested checklist can help you get the information you need to help your child succeed. Feel free to add your own questions.



Is this my only chance to meet with my child's teacher? You can talk with your child's teacher anytime during the year. You do not have to wait for the parent-teacher Conference. If you would like an interpreter, the school can arrange one for you.



What questions should I ask my child's teacher?

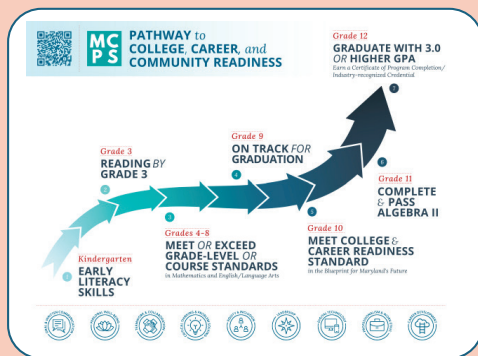
- Does my child get along with classmates?
- Does my child participate in class discussions and activities?
- What are the expectations for reading and math?
- Can you give me some examples of my child's academic strengths and difficulties?
- What extra support can the school provide to help my child?
- Are there after-school programs, clubs or activities that would benefit my child?
- What can we do at home to support my child at school?
- What are the expectations for completing homework, turning in assignments and being prepared for class?



You can also:

- Tell your teacher about your child's interests.
- Tell your teacher if your child is having any emotional or health issues.

After the meeting:



How can I learn more about my child's progress?

The **Pathway to College, Career and Community Readiness** provides information on the progress students should be making at different points in their education. The document is available in seven languages on the **MCPS website**: <https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/pathways>.



What is the best way to keep up with my child's work?

Sign up for ParentVue. This is an easy-to-use, mobile-friendly app. Click [here](#) or use the QR code above to get started or to reset your account. For more information or to get technical support, visit: MCPS website > Parents > Parent Resources > then click [Community Tech Support Center Information](#).



What do I do if my child is having behavioral, health or emotional problems?

Your child's school counselor can work with you. Please call or email your child's counselor.



My child struggles with homework and I don't know how to help.

Tell your child to ask his/her teacher for help. Teachers can meet with students before and after school, and at lunch time.

Many schools offer free math and English help after school. Ask your child's teacher if your school has this support available.

Parents can also call or email the teacher for additional help.

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