

Follow Through on the Plan of Action

You and the teacher each have an important part to play.

Your part may call on you to:

- Create a study area
- Read aloud
- Invite your child to talk about problems
- Review Homework
- Limit computer and TV time
- Set bedtime at reasonable hours
- Ask you child about school
- Encourage learning

Think of The Teacher as your Partner

Make contact early

Look for the positive

Don't accuse

Avoid "yes" or "no" questions

Keep teacher informed

Express appreciation

REMEMBER, wise partners don't blame each other when problems arise – they find solutions



Santa Ana Unified School District

Parent Teacher Conference



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WHAT IS A PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

It's a meeting between you and your child's teacher to share important knowledge about your child. You are both experts: as the parent, you are your child's first teacher, you know your child better than anyone. Your child's teacher has special training and experience with many different children

Plan Ahead

Review your child's school work
Talk to your child ahead of time
Note anything that may be affecting your child's behavior
Make a list of questions and concerns. Contact the Teacher
Arrange for both parents to attend



What should I Ask ?



BEFORE CONFERENCE DAY

Do I listen when my child talks about school?
How much time does my child spend on homework?
Do I provide a quiet place for my child to work?
Are my child's comments about school mostly positive or negative?

ASK YOUR CHILD:

- What do you like best about school?
- What do you like least?
- What are your favorite subjects?
- How do you feel about your teacher (s)?
- Is anything at school making you unhappy?
- How could school be better?

At the Conference

Ask the Teacher:

- What is my child learning this year?
- How is my child doing on homework assignments
- What are my child's strengths and weaknesses
- What kinds of tests do you give?

THE TEACHER MAY HAVE SOME QUESTIONS TOO.

Take the Most Advantage of your Conference

ARRIVE ON TIME

A teacher may meet with many parents on the same day. Coming late could upset the schedule and leave you less time with the teacher.

RELAX

You and the teacher are on the same side. Each of you wants the best for your child

LISTEN CAREFULLY

Don't plan your response while the teacher is talking or interrupt to make a point

DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN

Discuss ways to help your child learn and grow through activities at home and school

BUILD ON WHAT YOU HAVE BEGUN

Involve your child
Tell your child what you and the teacher talked about. Describe the action plan, and answer any questions your child has.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE TEACHER

Compare notes to see if the action plan is working. Ask for another conference if you think it's needed.

VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL

A strong link between school and home makes a child feel more at home in school.