

Student Led Conferences:

Questions To Guide the Conversation (Middle Grades)

Guiding Questions for PARENTS

- I am pleased to see your effort in...
- I am proud of your improvement in...
- I know you sometimes have difficulty with...,
- I would like you to focus on... I can help you by...
- What made you decide to share this piece with me?
- How might I better support you as a reader at home?
- What's the hardest part about[subject/topic]?
- What's your favorite part about the writing process? Why?
- How do you feel when you're asked to explain your math thinking?
- How do you feel during math practice time on your own?
- What do you think about where you sit?
- What makes you most excited about coming to school?
- How do you feel about your overall learning so far in [*subject/topic*]?
- How might I better help your learning and the people trying to help you learn?
- Why do you think you received this grade for your work?
- Was this grade a fair assessment of the work you did?
- How much time did you devote to this project/paper?
- What would you say is your best/worst subject?
- What do you enjoy the most/least about this subject?
- Do you participate in class discussions and activities?
- Do you interact with your teacher well?
- Is there something you wish your teacher knew about you?
- Do you work well with a partner?
- Are there times when you prefer to work alone?
- What strengths or weaknesses do you bring to group projects?
- Who are people that you can turn to for help on these types of problems?

Guiding Questions for STUDENTS

- What growth have you seen in my reading so far this year?
- What do you enjoy most about my writing?
- What growth have you seen in my math thinking so far this year?
- I'm having a hard time with (*anything you wish your parents or teacher knew*). Can we talk about ways to help?
- What materials can I use to better organize my learning space?
- How might I better help this team that's dedicated to my learning? (can ask parent and/or teacher)