

Student-Led Conferences

What are student-led conferences?

They are a type of conference with parents, teacher and the student in which the student leads the majority of the conference. The student will choose three examples of outstanding work to share and one example of work that could have been better. The student will talk about his/her progress so far and how he/she thinks fifth grade is going. They will be prepared to talk about two goals they have already set for themselves, and would like your help in creating a third goal for the rest of the school year.

Why do a student-led conference?

Student-led conferences:

- Increase parent involvement
- Make the students accountable for the work they are doing
- Give students the opportunity to take charge of their learning
- Give parents a chance to see what the students are learning
- Motivate the students
- Allow the students to set goals

Traditional

Teacher Driven

Short time frame – little time for conversations

Arena style or large group setting

Focus tends to be on social and emotional rather than academic

Fragmented

Student-Led

Student Driven

Longer time—conversation based

High student accountability

Opportunities for goal setting

Samples of student work

Authentic Assessment

This means that your child will come with you to the conferences on October 26th and 27th. They will have chosen their work, and be prepared to talk about their progress and goals. You will be able to pick up his/her report card, and I will give you information about standardized scores and test data. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail at jwallace@bsd124.org.

Thanks!
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