

## PARENT CONFERENCES

The RSU 19 Board of Directors believes that close communication between home and school is a very important factor in establishing a highly effective student program. Planned conferences between parents and teachers are an important way to bring about understanding and cooperation between the home and school. Close communication should be maintained through conferences with all parents, not just with those where academic or other problems suggest the need for closer communication. (Although when a problem arises between teacher and student, the first avenue of resolution used should be a parent/teacher conference.)

Parents will not be allowed to directly contact a teacher during instructional time. Teachers should be prepared to give after-school or pre-school time for conferences.

No parties (parents, teachers, administrators, etc.) will participate in any conference when individuals are using inappropriate language or behavior. The principal, supervisor or designee must be present at any parent-teacher conference when there is reason to anticipate an atmosphere of hostility.

Conferences between parents and teachers regarding a child should be treated by the teacher as an opportunity to help the child and every effort should be made to make the conference constructive, objective, and pleasant. Conferences should provide an opportunity for a mutual exchange of information and ideas for the welfare of the child.

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