

Conferences provide an opportunity for students to develop their Core Competency skills of Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social.

PURPOSE:

Spring conferences provide an opportunity to review and celebrate student growth and progress towards the student's growth plan goal(s) set at the fall conference. They provide students the opportunity to engage with their parent or caregiver and teacher about their success in learning.

WHAT TO EXPECT:



- Students will be dismissed 3 hours early on **April 27 and 28th** to accommodate conferences.
- In general, conferences will be 15 minutes in length and will reference the goal established in the fall growth plan and provide an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on your child's successes.
- Conferences will be held in the student's classroom. Depending on the format provided by the teacher, multiple families may be in the space at the same time.
- Virtual conferences using Microsoft Teams can be scheduled for families upon request.

POTENTIAL FORMATS:

The format of spring conferences varies within the district. Teachers have thoughtfully selected a format to best meet the needs of their students. Potential formats include:

- A student-directed conference that provides students a reflective opportunity to speak to their own learning and needs. Students prepare their learning for sharing ahead of time with the support of their teacher. Students present learning samples that contain evidence of their growth and progress towards their goals.
- A celebration of learning where the learning environment is open to multiple families. This format includes stations or student portfolios that guide the activities and conversations between students/families. The teacher may interact with families taking time to celebrate the success of the growth plan/goals.
- A 3-way conference styled as a traditional sit-down meeting that allows for a conversation between student-parent-teacher to review the fall growth plan and celebrate the successes and determine next steps.