

## EFFECTIVE PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: TALKING POINTS FOR PARENTS

**Make contact early** – Go meet and talk with your child’s teacher during the first month of school and help them better understand your child while you get to know the teacher. Let them know you want your child to go to college. If you haven’t done this yet, it’s never too late to get started.

**Plan questions ahead of time** – write down any questions you have for the teacher so you don’t forget anything.

Recommended questions include:

- What subjects/areas does my child do well in – what are her strengths?
- What subjects/areas does she need more help with – what are the areas she needs to improve in?
- What 3 things can I do at home to help my child do better in school?
- How else can we work together to make sure my child is successful in your class?

**Maintain communication** - Contact the teacher regularly after the conference (e.g. once a month) to help monitor your child’s progress.