

POLICY

Board of Education Bernards Township

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PARENT CONFERENCES

The Board of Education endorses the parent-teacher conference as one way for parents and teachers to share information about pupils and the educational program in a constructive setting.

The Superintendent is directed to schedule parent-teacher conferences at such times as will permit the maximum attendance of parents, including working parents; to encourage the participation of parents; and to provide in-service training to teachers to assist them in using conferences.

The Board believes that the information exchanged in parent-teacher conferences can be used to improve the pupil's ability to learn and grow in the program of education; such conferences are, therefore, an essential part of the instructional program and an integral part of a teacher's professional responsibility. Accordingly, all teachers are required to attend the parent conferences scheduled for the children assigned to them.

All persons present at parent-teacher conferences share a common interest in the educational well-being of the pupil. A parent or legal guardian of the pupil may bring to the conference additional persons who share that interest and wish to aid the parent and the teacher. If a parent plans to bring legal counsel to a parent-teacher conference, he/she shall notify the school principal ten (10) days in advance of the conference in order that the Superintendent may secure legal representation if he/she deems it advisable.

The purposes of the parent-teacher conference are best served when all persons present share freely and candidly their knowledge of the pupil's educational progress and information relating to that progress. Any person present may make and preserve notes and may make a tape recording of the conference, if both parties agree to it.

LEGAL: N.J.S.A. 18A:27-4

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