

Student-Parent Conference – Detailed Instructions

The purpose of the Student-Parent Conference is for your student to “tell the story” of their current grade level achievements and plan for future years, both at OHS and beyond. Use this “road map” as a guide for what your student should talk about during your “conference”. **Please have your Student Parent Conference completed: *Freshman-Sophomores* prior to March 30th | *Juniors* prior to your Junior Credit Check with your counselor.**

INTRODUCTION

- Go to Career Cruising and open your High School and Beyond Plan portfolio; open Skyward too!
- Discuss purpose of Student-Parent Conferences

Example: “This is my High School and Beyond Plan portfolio, which I will have until I graduate. We use the Career Cruising website to explore the questions of ‘Who am I?’, ‘What, then, can I become?’, and ‘How do I become that?’ and to store information related to my post-high school plan. This process can help me make better choices about what post-high school option is a good fit for me when I leave OHS, and what I need to take at Oly to be prepared for my plan”.

CAREER EXPLORATION & PLANNING SECTION

Using the 3 Career Cruising Questions (*Who am I?, What, then, can I become?, & How do I become that?*) as the guide for this part of your discussion....

- How are your **Annual Goals** impacting your decisions about future classes / other interests at OHS?
- What did your **career interest inventory (Career Selector or Career Matchmaker/My Skills)** results tell you about possible careers that COULD fit you? Compare your results with what YOU want to do.
- How are your **extracurriculars, skills, hobbies**, etc. helping to build skills & prepare you for the future?
- What other experiences have you had that taught you about who you are and what’s important to you for your future....?
- Explain why you picked your **3 saved careers**.
- What is your current **post-secondary plan**? Explain why it’s a good fit....

ACADEMIC PROGRESS SECTION

- In general, discuss what classes you’ve liked (why?) and what ones have been challenging (why?).
- Using Skyward, share your grades (**Academic History**) and describe how it shows what you have accomplished so far. Do your grades match your academic Goal(s) for the year?
- Using Skyward, show classes you took this year & discuss what you took this year & **what you plan to take next year** related to your current post-high school plan.
- Share your **Attendance Summary** ~ talk about the positive/negative affect your attendance has on your education.

CONCLUSION

- Offer adult(s) present a chance to ask any follow-up questions.
- Make sure Subject Selection Sheet is filled out.
- Have parents sign Subject Selection Sheet to confirm completion of conference and approval of class choices....**

IMPORTANT: Return your parent/guardian SIGNED Subject Selection Sheet BEFORE MARCH 30th:

- Freshman-Sophomores to your PHY SCI or BIO teacher
- Juniors bring to your Counselor during your Junior Credit Check

Signed forms must be turned in before each student can input his/her class request for next year.

Olympia High School

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Student-Parent Conference?

- *A student-parent conference is a conversation between parent(s)/guardian(s) and their child that is led by the student. The purpose of the SPC is to have a discussion of your student's current year's career exploration, academic progress, and plan for the upcoming school year as well as beyond high school.*

Why are we being asked to have a Student-Parent Conference?

- *In order for learning to be more relevant, students should be able to connect what they are learning both to prior learning and to the world outside the classroom. Talking with parents/guardians about current progress and future goals/plans through a guided SPC provides students with an opportunity to reflect on whether or not they're maximizing opportunities to prepare for their future.*

These conferences offer one method to increase student responsibility for their learning. In describing their goals and future class choices, students must reflect upon and explain how they are moving toward their dreams, or talk about what is getting in their way.

- *Reporting student progress to parents or other significant adults has become increasingly important as learning becomes more and more complex. SPC's can be an excellent way to communicate student achievement or performance to parents or other adult advocates.*
- *We understand that taking time off work to attend a Student Led Conference at OHS has been problematic for many parents. Asking you to have this "conference" in your home will provide students and parents with the opportunity to have this conversation at a more convenient time.*

What role does each person involved play?

- *Student ~ the Talker, explaining about his/her progress this year and goals for next year.*
- *Parent/Adult Advocate ~ the Listener, paying attention to what the student is reporting and asking questions, as appropriate.*

How long will the conference last?

- *Completely up to the parent/guardian and student. There is no expected minimum or maximum time, although if basic instructions are completed and discussion time is encouraged average time spent between **10-20 minutes**.*

What is the High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP)?

- *The HSBP is a post high school plan, developed by the student to gain a better understanding of self, skills and interests. Through instructor presented grade level presentations, students are provided the opportunity for career discussion, pathway research and development of a personalized post high school plan. This is also a graduation requirement set by the State of Washington. Students keep the components of their HSBP in an electronic portfolio hosted on the Career Cruising website. Parent engagement is considered an important component of each student's HSBP; therefore, the expectation is that students share their plan with a parent/guardian in the Spring of each year during a student parent conferences (9th – 11th grade).*