

**THE WIDENER MEMORIAL SCHOOL**  
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Dear Widener Families/Staff/Students,

Term # 1 report card conferences begin on November 27, 2023. During conferences, you and your child will have an opportunity to collaborate with the teachers to evaluate your child's progress since the last term, understand strengths and areas for growth, and consider next steps for improvement or enrichment. **Report card conferences are also an excellent opportunity to review your child's progress toward graduation, no matter their age!**

Here are some tips to prepare for a productive conference:

- Talk to your child in advance. Listen to understand your child's perceptions of their strengths and growth academically, socially and emotionally.
- For parents of high school students, use this [Step-by-Step Guide to Accessing Student Graduation Status](#) to pull a report and view your child's academic details.
- With your child, review progress toward any plans or goals that were implemented as a result of interim reports (or previously). Discuss the big wins and any shortcomings in advance so you can ask the teacher for specific support.
- For parents of high school students, use this [Graduation Checklist](#) to ensure requirements are being met and/or are on track to be met. Ensure your child's courses and program are aligned with one of the [Pathways to Graduation](#). Use the conference as an opportunity to discuss necessary adjustments with the teacher.
- Remember to discuss the whole child. Don't focus only on academics, talk about your child's emotional, physical and social state as well.
- Prepare any specific questions you have, or any topics you want to talk about, in advance. Make sure to leave with a clear understanding of the next steps that you, your child and the teacher will take.

Find some additional tips, and a report card conference checklist for your use [here](#).

**Remember that you can always reach out to me directly if you have questions about your child's academic status!** I look forward to seeing you all at report card conferences.

Sincerely,

*Harris R. Gaffin*