

From Your Ridgecrest Counselors

Parent Teacher Conferences offer parents/guardians and teachers the opportunity to come together and communicate concerns and praise regarding a student's performance in school. This opportunity is held once per year in the winter after 2nd trimester progress reports are sent home. The goal is not to imply that this is the only opportunity parents/guardians have to communicate with their child's teacher. Ridgecrest's administration and faculty encourage communication throughout the school year. Communication between the parents/guardians and teacher, the student and teacher, or parents/guardians and their child, whomever the parties involved are, bridges the gap between home and school. By bridging this gap, students are set on a path toward success in school.

Having different sources of communication can both make it easier and complicated to keep track of your child's school work. Teachers rely on Aeries.net, Edline, and Edmodo, etc. to make available their classroom resources, homework, grades, etc. This requires parents/guardians and students to monitor multiple websites to stay up to date on what the student is responsible for accomplishing for that class. The Ridgecrest App is a useful tool in making each of the websites available on one page with access at your fingertip. However, maintaining regular and ongoing communication either via phone call/message or email to your child's teacher, counselor, or an administrator also goes a long way. By keeping lines of communication open, the school as a whole can offer support where it is needed.

Some tips for helping keep track of your child's school work include:

- Review your child's agenda book and discussing assignments with him/her
- Check online daily/weekly for updates to homework/project deadlines
- Review Aeries.net for work completion/submission and grade information
- Check teachers' websites at the end of the week for upcoming work the following week
- Encourage your child to ask teachers questions when s/he does not understand something (may be done in person, via email, etc.)

As always, your child's teachers, counselors, and administration are available to meet and discuss with you questions or concerns as they may come up. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

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