

Massachusetts Advocacy

MAC is a private, non-profit child advocacy organization that has applied a multi-issue, multi-strategic approach to improve the living conditions and life opportunities for the children of the Commonwealth, with a special focus on low-income, racially diverse, limited English speaking, and disabled children. MAC has concentrated on public education, child health and welfare, and children's legal rights, with particular attention to special education and reform of the public schools in Boston.

Boston Parent Organizing Network

BPON is a citywide initiative established to organize parents and communities as advocates for the improvement of the Boston Public Schools. BPON's objective is to build a network of organizations creating a central connection to exchange ideas, information, and strategies to empower parents and build partnerships to improve the public schools in Boston.

Voices for Children

Voices for Children is a collaborative of parents, students, school, church, and community based organizations that come together to facilitate and reinforce implementation of the new teachers contract, to inform the public, and to hold BPS-BTU accountable for agreements in the contract in order to improve the education of children in the Boston Public Schools.

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Parent Information Bulletin

UNDERSTANDING YOUR RIGHTS

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Parents and Teachers are Partners

Know the shared responsibilities of parents and teachers

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

TO KEEP PARENTS INFORMED

TEACHERS WILL BE EVALUATED ON:

- ◆ *Making the course syllabus, objectives and outcomes available to parents*
- ◆ *Telling parents the standards and expectations for their child's work*
- ◆ *Providing parents with regular progress reports*
- ◆ *Explaining student achievement levels and needs*
- ◆ *Providing grades, portfolios, and other student work for parents at the parent/teacher conferences*

TO HELP STUDENTS LEARN

TEACHERS WILL BE EVALUATED ON WHETHER THEY:

- ◆ *Promote high expectations and high standards for student achievement*
- ◆ *Monitor student learning to ensure student progress*
- ◆ *Use ongoing assessments to improve instruction*
- ◆ *Follow up with students who are not meeting expectations*
- ◆ *Succeed in having students realize appropriate learning gains*

Do you know your rights?

Individual Parent/Teacher Conferences in Elementary Schools

The new BPS teachers' contract states that:

1. In the fall, elementary home room teachers will arrange individual parent/teacher conferences for every elementary school parent.

DO YOU HAVE A TEACHER CONFERENCE IN THE FALL?

2. In the spring, elementary school teachers shall schedule individual conferences with every parent whose child is in danger of not being promoted.

3. Individual teacher conferences "shall be encouraged" for all elementary parents.

DON'T WAIT, SCHEDULE A CONFERENCE WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER!

Individual Student Success Plan for 11th Graders

Superintendent Payzant has proposed targeted support plans for every 10th grade student failing MCAS math or reading in May 2001.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Exercise your rights as a partner in your child's education.

1. *Know your child's teacher.*
2. *Help the teacher understand your child and your culture.*
3. *Schedule a conference with your child's teacher.*
4. *Understand the goals and expectations the teacher has for your child.*
5. *Ask the teacher how you can support your child's education.*
6. *Participate in your School Parent Council and School Site Council.*

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