

Initial Educator Seminar 1 "Parent-Teacher Conferences"

This objective for this afternoon is to help teachers prepare for successful conferences considering the questions that may rise due to the large volume of current change in education.

1:00 – 1:15 Welcome

- Introduction of all participants
- Reason for Support Seminars
- Goals for the year

1:15 – 2:00 Format for effective conferences

- Discuss methods for conferences
- Discuss objectives for conferences
- Discuss responses to the following questions (and more!)
 - How do we respond to questions about the new common core?
 - How do we respond to questions about the new state assessment?
 - o How do we respond to questions about the new cut scores?

2:00 – 2:30 Documents to use during conferences

- Tony Evers Agenda 2017
- Accountability for Schools
- Higher Expectations
- Common Core Standards
- Online Curriculum Tools (for those districts using them)

2:30 – 3:00 Mock Conferences

• Participants will engage in mock conferences

3:00 – 3:20 What to expect?

- Will all conferences go smoothly?
- What do I do about frustrated parents?
- How do I use this conference as an opportunity for growth for the child?
- What if parents don't show?
- Why are the parents I REALLY need to see not here?

3:20 – 3:30 Questions