

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

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PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES

Twice during each school year (Fall and Spring) one (1) day and two (2) evenings are set aside specifically for parents and students to conference with the student's teacher(s).

Conferences for the 2016-17 school year are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 19, 2016	(Choice of after school and evening hours.)
Thursday, October 20, 2016	(Choice of morning, afternoon and evening hours.)
Wednesday, February 22, 2017	(Choice of after school and evening hours.)
Thursday, February 23, 2017	(Choice of morning, afternoon and evening hours.)

Some schools may choose alternate times that better meeting the needs of your school community. Look for information directly from you school regarding scheduling a conference time.

Please call the school if you have questions regarding school conferences or have not been contacted. This is an important time in the education of your child as teacher(s), parent and student to work together to plan strategies for success in the education of your child(ren).

VISITING YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to schedule classroom visits at any time during the year except the first and last two weeks school is in session, and during the time that standardized tests are being administered. Parents/guardians may not bring pre-school children or infants with them for classroom visits, field trips or room parties because younger children can distract the attention of both the visitor and the class. When in the classroom observing a class in session, please do not attempt to hold a conference with the teacher about your child.

Whenever visiting a school, visitors should check in at the school office upon entering the building. Thanks to a generous grant from the Dubuque Racing Association, the visitors are then checked-in to building using the Raptor Visitor Management System. The system uses the visitor's government-issued photo ID to check against the National Sex Offender Registry and then prints a time-stamped photo ID that the visitor should wear at all times while visiting. Any visitors to the school are expected to comply with all district policies.

For more information, refer to school district policy #9004, available on the district website at www.dbqschools.org.

VOLUNTEERING AND MENTORING

It is the policy of the Dubuque Community School District Board of Directors to make every reasonable effort to provide a safe learning environment for students working with volunteers/mentors. Therefore, the District requires anyone who works directly with students or assist staff on a regular basis supervise/chaperone students; or act as a primary authority figure to complete the forms in the Non-employee Background Check Packet.

These forms are located in the back of this handbook, online at the district website (www.dbqschools.org), the Forum, or at any school office in the district. The packet must be filled out completely, returned to the Human Resources Department at the Forum directly or via your home school.

Once the background check is completed and approved by Human Resources you may volunteer/mentor in the district. All inquiries regarding the applicant's status will be directed through the schools.

(SEE **FORM 17, NON-EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECK PACKET, AT THE BACK OF THIS HANDBOOK IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER OR BE A MENTOR IN OUR SCHOOLS.**)