

August 10, 2022

Dear AJHS Families,

We will have an early dismissal on Thursday, August 18th at 10:40 AM for student conferences. Busses will run the same routes and sack lunches will be available to purchase before dismissal. Student conferences will be held on Thursday, August 18th from 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM. This year we will be trying a new approach to parent/teacher conferences and will be implementing Student-Led Conferences. These conferences will be more of a work sample walk-through and goal setting discussion between you and your child that will be led by your child.

How we envision these conferences:

- Students will complete reflections at school prior to the conference.
- Multiple families and students will be in the room at once working and discussing progress. (Students will share their reflections and progress in each class and parents will engage in a discussion with their child about what they are sharing)
- Students will show and discuss work samples with a family member and follow a conference script given to them.
- Students will practice communication skills (voice, tone, eye contact, listening and speaking) as they share information and answer questions.
- Teachers will be monitoring the room and available to help facilitate conference discussions when needed.
- When your child finishes their conference with you, they will introduce you to their teachers and you will have an opportunity to share any concerns or ask questions you may have.

Other things to consider:

- Your child must be with you for this type of conference.
- The conference will last approximately 20-30 minutes or possibly longer depending on the conversation you want to have with your child.
- Mid-quarter progress grades will be available in Infinite Campus for you to review prior to the conference. Students know how to check their grades in Infinite Campus and will have completed a grade check in their JAG Day homeroom class on 8/10/22.

You do not need to sign-up for a conference time, you may come any time between 12:00 PM – 6:30 PM. Please note it is typically busier between 4:00-7:00 PM and conferences will end promptly at 7:00 PM.

We know this is an adjustment from the traditional parent/teacher conferences done in the past but see value and purpose in helping our students develop their communication skills as they share their progress and goals with their families. If you have any questions, please contact our front office at 480-883-5300.

Thank you,

Andersen Junior High School