



Spokane Public Schools 2023-24 School Year Launch Conferences

Family Guide

We are offering Launch Conferences on *Thursday, August 31st* and *Friday, September 1st* to start the school year. We are excited to launch the 2023-24 school year by getting to know you and your student(s). The district will send out a Conference Scheduling link to family email(s) on file and text it to their phone(s) on file via Blackboard Messenger.

GOAL: *The goal of Launch Conferences is to better understand your students and offer information about the school, classroom experience, and connect students and families to any resources they may need.*

Scheduler Tool (Grades 1-12 only, Pre-K and K teachers will reach out to you directly)

- The Conference Scheduler Tool is online at www.spokaneschools.org/conference and via the QR Code on the right.
 - o NOTE: If your family has any barriers to scheduling online, please contact your school to have them help facilitate the scheduling of your conference over the phone.
- Here is a [helpful video of how to use the Conference Scheduling Tool](#)



[Conference Scheduler Tool]

Conference Meeting

- The default method for conferences is **in-person**, but families can request a phone or virtual option if they are unable to attend in-person. (Please contact your teacher or school directly to change the method away from in-person if necessary).
- At the conference your teacher will provide an overview of school logistics (*verifying your contact information, helping you get connected to PowerSchool [Secondary], check on laptop/internet needs, highlight the importance of regular attendance, and connect you to school and community resources*).

Helpful Hints

- Your teacher/advisor will be asking you and your student(s) questions about how school has gone in the past and what they and the school can do to help your family for the upcoming school year.
- Schools will also have a quick survey that we need completed for every family as well as a variety of information on community partners, resources, athletics/activities and other supports. Student breakfast (8a-10a) and lunches (10a-12p) are available both days (Thurs. 8/31 and Fri. 9/1).
- ELD families will be contacted by the SPS ELD Department to provide them with translation services, either in-person or via language line translation services.