Teacher Toolkit · Teachers · Grades 3–5 · FREE

Strengths-Based Student Conference Form

Use fictional examples. Leave out diagnoses, medical information, names, passwords and contact details.

Learning goal: Let student voice shape an ambitious, accessible learning plan.

A learner wants more depth and a different response tool. Ask what is interesting, what creates a barrier and what they want adults to try. Use a fictional or de-identified example here; the learner controls what to share.

1. Use a fictional example or discuss the situation without identifying a child.
2. Complete each planning section with the learner's choices at the center.
3. Select one feasible change, who will provide it and when you will check it.
4. Keep any completed paper privately; do not use it to diagnose, rank or label a learner.

Grades 3–5 support: Use the prompts and examples, or explain your ideas in your own way. Ask for words, a scribe or one direction at a time.

Understand the goal and access

Ask what is interesting, what creates a barrier and what they want adults to try. Separate the thinking goal from an access barrier.

Meaningful learning goal or interest

Barrier or preference to check with the learner

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Choose an action together

Invite the learner’s response in their preferred communication mode. Choose one feasible change and an adult responsibility.

Learner’s choice or question

Support action, responsible adult and timing

Optional deeper thinking · Grades 6–8

Compare two support choices for the same intellectually demanding goal and identify how the learner’s preferences shape the decision.

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Review and keep it respectful

Accept AAC, signing, writing or trusted partner support; do not require eye contact. Decide how you will check the support with the learner, not just compliance or speed.

Evidence of access or participation to look for

Review question and next adjustment

My next step

What will I try, and who can support it? Write, draw, dictate, sign or use AAC.

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Accessibility & alternative responses

Use selectable text, clear headings, AAC/partner-assisted participation, read-aloud or large print as chosen. Keep completed plans private; no diagnosis or medical details are needed.

Teacher facilitation

Ask what is interesting, what creates a barrier and what they want adults to try. Accept AAC, signing, writing or trusted partner support; do not require eye contact.

Specialist formats

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