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Safe and Healthy Schools Community of Practice Call

August 28, 2025



Family Engagement

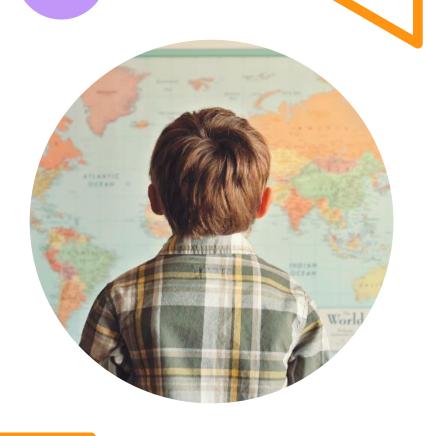
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- PWBAT articulate why family engagement is important
- PWBAT articulate their role with specific family engagement tools
- PWBAT identify how they will personally build relationships with their students and families



Why is family engagement important?



Family Engagement

- Parents are the experts on their children.
- School leaders know that promoting family engagement is not a simple task.
- Educators and administrators play a **LARGE** role in shaping the **Family-School Partnership.**
- When schools elevate families as **true partners** and the experts that they are, student's outcomes improve.
- When schools support families through thoughtful, equitable policies and programs, it encourages broader community engagement that helps to meet the needs of the whole child and family.

Impact of Family Engagement

- Parental Involvement increases student success.
- When we communicate and build relationships, our parents stay informed and invested.
- Parent feedback helps us get better.

In your current role, how do you or will you contribute to family engagement on your campus?

Family Engagement Tools

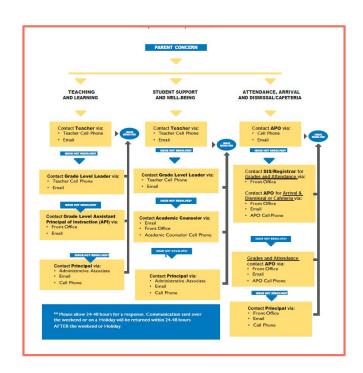
- Parent Communication Flow Chart
- Campus Mission List
- Parent Weekly
- Electronic Messaging System (REMIND, DOJO, etc.)
- Social Media



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Two-Way Communication

- Parent Flowchart
 - Informs parents of who to call for what
 - 24-to-48-hour response expectation



Parent Communication Flow Chart

- 1. There should be a different one per grade-level.
- 2. Your role as a teacher or admin will be listed on the flowchart.
- 3. Should be everywhere a parent has access
 - 1. Front Office
 - Sent Out Quarterly or Whenever Information has been changed or updated
- 4. The campus must **follow** the flowchart!
 - All staff should have an expectations to respond within 24-48
 hours.

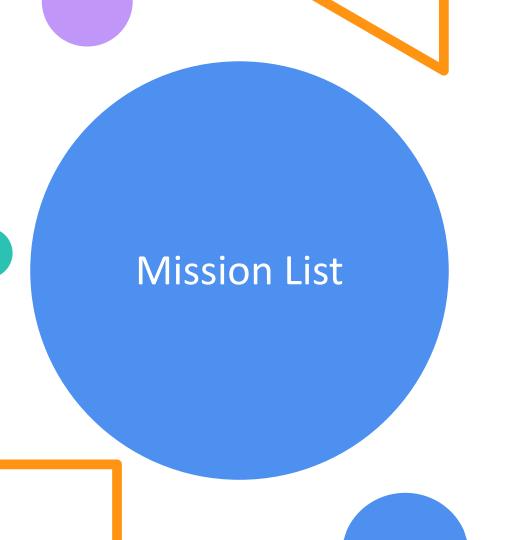
Parent Communication Flowchart

 Why would having a Parent Communication Flow Chart be an important tool to have available to all staff?

What is your role in communicating with families?

 How will you use the Parent Communication Flowchart in your role?





 A tool for your campus to identify, track and intentionally intervene with students that may need more support.

Mission List

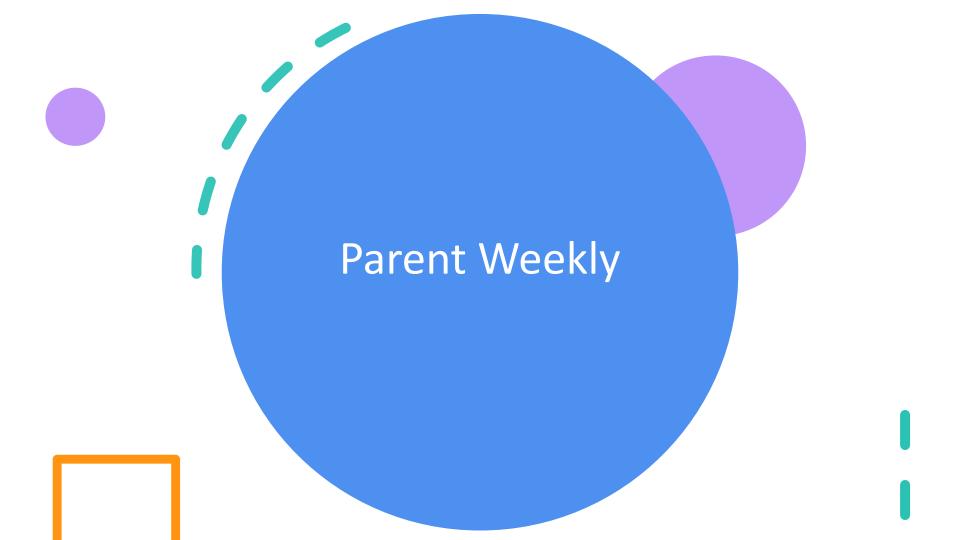
Your Role

- Responsible for identifying students in need for additional support (Attendance Concerns, Low Performance, Behavioral Concerns, etc.)
- Report Students of Concern in Grade Team Meetings
- Identifying an intervention to assist student or family
- Follow through and progress monitor next steps throughout grade team meetings

^{*}The goal is for the grade team to rally around these student or families so that students can be successful.

Mission List

- Figure out how and where your teachers will access and add information.
- 2. How, When, and With who will the mission list be discussed and monitored?
 - 1. Grade Team Meeting, Lead Team Meetings, etc.



Weekly Newsletter

- School-wide or Grade Team Newsletter
- SMORE
 - Electronic Newsletter that can include pictures or videos and be sent through REMIND
 - Electronically you can also track how many people view the newsletter and upload the newsletter link to social media as well.

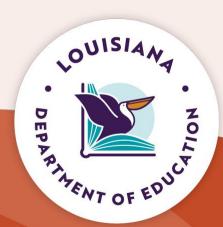


Parent Weekly Next Step Recommendations

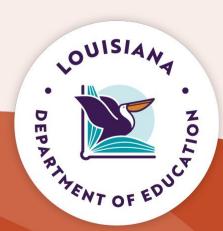
- 1. Determine who will take the lead on doing the Parent Weekly
- 2. Have a shared doc for each grade level and admin team (Google Doc)
- 3. Deadline to submit info to shared doc (Every Wednesday)
- 4. If doing a school-wide parent weekly check for alignment and content across grades
- 5. Information recapped by lead team during announcements and shared campus wide weekly
- 6. **OPTIONAL** Newsletter is shared at the same time and day every week
- 7. Newsletter is linked in REMIND to families same time and day every week
- 8. Newsletter is also posted on campus Facebook page

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Safe and Healthy School Reminders



Mental Health Screening Guidance

Act 504 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session states that each public school shall make available to each student in grades three through twelve a mental health assessment by a licensed behavioral health provider. The assessment must be annually authorized by the student's parent or legal guardian. This regulation does not extend to charter schools



Mental Health Screening Guidance

Act 324 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session on behavioral or emotional challenges of students; referral for assessment and treatment and reporting. A designate of each school will be responsible for identifying behavioral and mental health supportive services and facilitating a referral for assessment and treatment.



ACT 402 of 2025 Regular Legislative Session-Diabetes information for schools.

- LDH to develop information of Type 1 Diabetes
- LDOE to distribute information to each city, parish or other local school boards
- Public School Boards shall distribute information to parents and legal guardians of ALL students enrolled and annually by posting on school websites or electronic distribution.



Digital Device Guidelines

The <u>Digital Devices Guidelines</u>, developed in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Health and other stakeholders, provide school systems with health and safety resources for the effective integration of digital devices in schools.

The resources are intended to provide school systems with age-appropriate time and usage guidelines regarding various digital devices.



2025 Louisiana Farm to School Conference

- Wednesday, October 8th from 8 am 4 pm
- Pennington Biomedical Research Center
- Session Topics include
 - Farm to school Education
 - School gardens
 - Engaging Stakeholders
 - Funding and Advocacy
 - Classroom and Curriculum Integration



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Monthly Call Slides

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- Office of Career and College Readiness
 - Healthy Communities
 - Healthy Schools Community of Practice

Schedules, access links and information for the Department's webinars can be found in the <u>LDOE Weekly Newsletter</u> and <u>School System Support Calendar</u>.





Next Safe & Healthy Schools Community of Practice Call:

Next call

September 25, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Topic: School Safety and Behavioral
Threat Assessment Management
Programs



Questions?