

ELAC ATTENDANCE TIPS AND OUTREACH STRATEGIES

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INTRODUCTION


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What has worked or is
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CVUSD TITLE I SCHOOLS WITH A PARENT OUTREACH ASSISTANT

Why should a parent attend an ELAC meeting?

Facts based on surveys: Parents involved in the academic life of their children, show them that education truly matters. Students with parent support are more likely to graduate from high school.

Parent Expectations

High expectations for your child's studies, such as expecting them to pursue further education or achieve higher academic goals, fosters a sense of motivation and accountability in them. When they know that you have high expectations regarding their education, they'll see their academic success as a priority and do everything within their power to succeed. Parents become their biggest cheerleader, their advocate, and their source of inspiration.

Parent involvement

Inspires and motivates children to develop good learning habits, elevates their self-esteem because they feel supported and encouraged at home and at school. Children develop a greater sense of confidence and belief in their ability to succeed academically. It promotes and fosters an overall positive attitude towards education.

Bring School to Home and Home to School

Parents are the first teachers of their children, they are the most important role model of a child. Parents know their children better than anybody else, they are the experts and the school needs their input to develop a collaborative plan to achieve academic success.

Connection → Affection → Engagement → Growth

CO-POWERING

ACTIVITIES-EVENTS

Effective Communication (PR)

Personal phone calls - Greet outside school - School sign reminder of the meeting - WhatsApp messages - School Text messages - email (least effective)

For ELAC meetings:

- Bring guest speakers (also include parent speakers to share experiences)
- Community Resources
- Staff presentations regarding school resources - Introduce office and school staff/roles
- Importance of school parent leader groups (parent input and feedback)
- Choose topics relevant to the audience (keep it short and simple)-too much information becomes overwhelming
- Offer childcare
- Offer food
- Important to include a student's performance during a parent meeting

To encourage family learning

- Offer ESL classes for parents - computer literacy - academic support like reading, math and science nights.
- Recognize and praise parent involvement (certificates of appreciation)

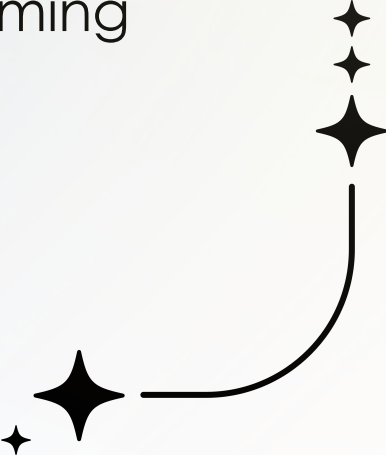
To build community

- Multicultural night/festival - ethnic food (Kermes) - traditional dances and outfits
- Family Dance Night
- Bingo Night
- Celebrate holidays - traditions
- Career day/night
- Sports day
- Picnic with the family - Lunch with parents/grandparents
- Arts and Crafts Night
- Children's Market - Parent's Market
- Coffee with the Principal - informal conversations with the principal



NEWBURY PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Strategies that have Increased Parent Involvement at Newbury Park High School (ELAC Meetings)

1. **Building Relationships with Parents** – Establishing personal connections with families, especially those of students receiving extra support, helps foster trust and engagement.
 2. **Student Recognition Awards** – At each meeting, students are recognized by their teachers based on the PBIS model. Teachers nominate five students, who receive a certificate and a small gift.
 3. **Relevant and Engaging Topics** – Meetings focus on subjects that matter to families, ensuring discussions are meaningful and beneficial.
 4. **Scheduling Based on Family Preferences** – Surveys are conducted to determine the best meeting days and times, with the majority preference guiding scheduling.
 5. **Community Resource Fair** – At least one meeting per year is dedicated to connecting families with valuable local resources and services.
 6. **Providing Food and Beverages** – Offering snacks or dinner encourages attendance and creates a welcoming environment.
 7. **Direct Communication with Families** – Parents are contacted through Blackboard, text messages, and personal phone calls to ensure they receive meeting information and reminders.
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ASPEN ELEMENTARY

✦ Effective Promotion

Meet Parents - Pick-up times

✦ Convenient

Survey - Date/Time

✦ Boost Engagement

Potluck — Yummy!

✦ Simple, Precise and Helpful

Newsletter, Events, Testing, Ideas and Strategies

✦ Enhance Meeting Experience

Art crafts, Holiday crafts

✦ Promote Interaction between Families


Shared activities and experiences



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MEET WITH THE EXPERTS

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- ✦ You will be assigned a table number
 - ✦ You will meet with two experts to share your current ELAC attendance experience and get new ideas on how to increase attendance
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THANK YOU

