

# Communicating with Students & Parents



## Communication is Key!



Communicating with students and families is the key to success in traditional and virtual learning environments!

**Introduce yourself** before school starts by sending them a newsletter through regular mail, email, a phone call, or virtual “Meet the Teacher” online call!

Finding a way to maintain communication with families helps build rapport and positively impacts student and parent participation, engagement, and success. Teachers communicate to inform, involve, and engage students in their learning journey.

## Create a Welcoming Environment!

Teachers create a welcoming environment to promote student and family engagement and provide opportunities for additional guidance through communicating with students and families in several ways. Let students and parents know that you value their questions and concerns and encourage them to reach out throughout the school year.

**Call, Text, Email, or Schedule an Appointment**

## Engaging Students



## Create Mutual Expectations for Communication

Provide information that details the frequency and types of contact they can expect from you and what you expect from them. Academic success of students is higher when they are engaged, feel comfortable asking for additional guidance, and have consistent access to their teacher.

## Online and in Person Synchronous and Asynchronous Communication

- **Teacher in Class** communicates what students need to know and do and helps build community
- **Teacher and Individual Student and/or Parent** communication exhibits open lines of communication and allows each individual to feel like they play a valuable role. This gives the teacher a chance to discuss individual needs and successes, areas of interest, and goals for improvement. This is a great time to set up a consistent schedule, too!
- **Weekly or Daily Newsletters** can provide updates, upcoming lessons, resources, activities, and celebrate class successes. This can be distributed via email, teacher website, or your classroom portal to keep your students involved and engaged in your class.

## Share Contact & Schedule Information!

- Required class meetings
- Open office hours for students
- Open office hours for individuals
- Email address
- Phone number or text
- Video meetings



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