



Educators for Quality Alternatives

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Defining Recognitions

The NET Charter High Schools recognize:

- Students' families are their first teachers and most influential supporters
- Students, families, and staff don't always share common approaches to situations but all three share common goals of loving our young people and wanting the best for them
- Families may not always be defined in traditional or biological terms
- Family contributions to their students' education and growth may not always be defined in traditional terms but that does not make them less valuable
- Family situations may be complex and students above and below the age of majority have a voice in who is engaged in decision making on their behalf
- Families may not initially be comfortable or trust the school; thus it is incumbent on the school staff to reach out and build relationships

Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to communicate EQA's commitment to engaging with families. The strategies outlined below are meant to be a guide and not the sum total of strategies to be used.

Communication

The schools communicate with parents and legal guardians, at minimum, through the following:

- Daily attendance phone calls
- Progress report mailing every 7 weeks
- Automated informational calls
- Calls and texts from teachers, counselors, and other school staff
- NET Notes mailings at the end of every semester

Students who are 18 and above or are legally emancipated may ask that the school not communicate with family members. In addition students may keep certain matters (including certain health matters) confidential at different ages in accordance to LA law.

Staff phone numbers and email addresses are available on the school website and provided to students upon enrollment and throughout the year.

Homevisits



From time to time NET staff will do homevisits to connect with students and their families. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Attendance or truancy calls when a student has not been attending
- Introductory or enrollment visits to enroll new students
- Homebound instruction and/or homebound counseling when a student is on a homebound plan

Family Events

Families are invited to multiple school events across the year including, but not limited to:

- Family Orientation
- Students Exhibition
- NET Night
- Graduation

Volunteering

Family members are invited to volunteer at the school through a variety of pathways including, but not limited to:

- Tutoring in classes
- Chaperoning trips
- Hosting a student intern
- Supporting special events
- Student recruiting