

# Improving Family-Community Relations



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# Objective

To understand the process of family communication that supports vision and mission.



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What are ways we as schools communicate with families?

Does your school involve ALL stakeholders in decisions? Who are they?

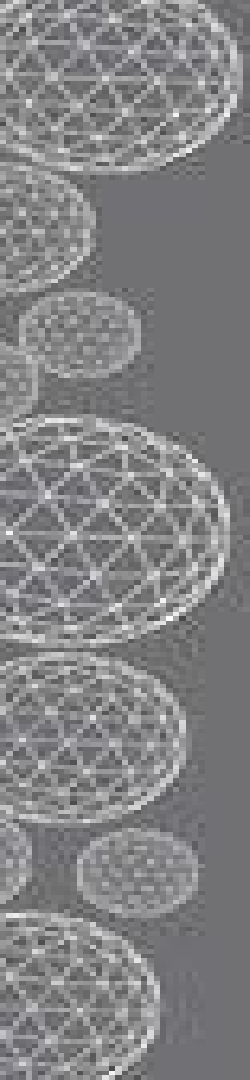
How do you feel about having families contribute to the mission and vision of your school?

# Improving School Community Relations

- What are ways we normally improve school community relations?
  - Newsletters
  - Parent-Teacher Conferences
  - Phone Calls

# Starting Point

Watch [Video](#)



# Worksheet Instruction

## **CULTURE**

Answer the question, “How do we actually do things?” Brainstorm the normative habits and attitudes that describe your team.

# Worksheet

## MISSION

Answer the question, "Why do we exist?" Make it short and memorable.

## VALUES

Answer the question, "What do we care about?" Narrow it down to a handful of clearly-defined guiding principles.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

# Worksheet

## **VISION**

Answer the question, "Where are we going?" Paint an inspiring picture of where you want to be in 2-5 years.

1.

2.

3.

4.

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# Worksheet

## **STRATEGY**

Answer the question, "How will we get there?" Make a list of measurable strategic objectives for the coming months and years.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

# Count Off...

- Count by 3's
  - 1's get together and fill out the worksheet as administrative staff
  - 2's get together and fill out the worksheet as family members
  - 3's get together and fill out the worksheet as students
  
- Discuss your stance on a school wide mission/vision statement
  - Utilize the worksheet to develop your statement
  - On the back develop your mission/vision statement

# Now...

- Form new groups!
  - Each group will consist of a 1, 2, and 3.
- Share, listen, and expand on your statement
  - Use what each group member reported to combine all 3 group members ideas into one mission and vision statement.
  - Do this on the back of the worksheet.

# Emerging Themes

What are they???

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