



- Guidance Lesson -

Get out there!!

Objective: Allow teachers the opportunity to gain a new perspective on the students they serve through a home-visit style outreach activity.

Estimated Time: 3 hours, flexible

Materials: “Welcome Back to School” flyers, vehicles, student addresses, prizes, time

Activity:

1. Have your registrar print out student lists that includes a home address.
2. Split staff members into small groups. Each group is given a set of students with addresses, a gas card for the driver, and time (we used 3-hours).
3. Groups can use Google Maps to plot multiple addresses and plan their route.
4. The point system is : 1 point = nobody is home, leave a flyer, 2 points = you are able to give the flyer to either the parent or the student, 3 points = you are able to meet both the student and the parent. Pictures of each house or student/parent must be taken to show proof of points earned.
5. At the conclusion, tally up the points and reward with prizes.
6. Include a reflection piece to wrap up the activity. Ask those who participated to discuss how this activity will affect the way they interact with students and parents.

Keys to Success:

1. Student lists should be given to teams the day before so that they can have more time to plan out their route, which will allow more time for actual visits.
2. Let the community know about your plans ahead of time so that you will have more interaction, rather than just leaving the flyers. We will post this on our school district social media and websites, as well as, send out an “all call” to give parents a heads up on our plans to visit.
3. Wear school spirit shirts and comfy shoes.
4. Bring snacks and drinks.
5. Beware of dogs!!
6. We also learned that this doesn’t necessarily have to be used as a back to school activity only. It can be a year long process and be implemented at any time throughout the school year.

The mission is to demonstrate your campus’ dedication to reaching out to your stakeholders by leaving the school building and going to them. Your willingness to initiate the relationship can open the door to a successful partnership between students, parents, and staff.