

GISD Parental Contact Initiative
2010-2011

Graham ISD Teachers and Staff recognize the need to actively engage the parents in the learning process. To actively engage parents, GISD will do the following:

- All GISD Elementary Campuses will hold a “meet the teacher night” the week before school starts. The Elementary Principals will coordinate the events to ensure there are no conflicting dates and times. All GISD Secondary Campuses will hold an Open House “meet the teacher night” the 1st week of school. The Secondary Principals will coordinate the events to ensure there are no conflicting dates and times.
- All GISD Parents who do not attend the meet the teacher night will receive a home visit the 1st six weeks of school. The purpose of this visit is to reach out to the parent and go the extra mile. It is not a parent conference visit. It is merely a meet the teacher visit.
 - Teachers who are afraid to visit specific parent homes will inform the principal. The principal or designee will make appropriate arrangements to attend the home visit with the teacher.
 - Parents who refuse the home visit will be required to attend a conference at school with the teacher and principal
- All GISD Teachers in Grades Pre-K thru 12 will hold a parent conference with each parent of students in their classes. (note: GHS teachers will be exempt from this requirement in 2010-2011 due to Technology Training Requirements). These parent conferences will take place on October 11th during the school day. This is an academic performance conference. Principals will coordinate information for teachers to cover in the conferences.
 - Principals will make decisions regarding conference day assignments for auxiliary staff.
 - Secondary Principals will make decisions regarding the assignments of staff for parent meetings—advisory or homeroom assignments may be more appropriate.
- All GISD Parents who do not attend the parent conference meeting will receive follow up phone calls with alternate dates for conferences. All Parents will hold a parent conference with their child’s teacher prior to the end of the 2nd 6 weeks.
- All GISD Parents whose children fail any course for the semester will receive a home visit in January of 2011. The principal, teacher(s), and or counselor will all be in attendance for this home visit conference. Principals will coordinate the information to be covered in this home visit conference.
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- Any GISD Parent whose child receives a truancy ticket will receive a home visit from the principal or designee and the school resource officer.
- Any GISD Parent whose child is being considered to be retained at the present grade level due to academic or developmental purposes will receive a home visit from the teacher of record.
- All GISD Parents will receive an email, text, note, card, phone call, twitter, or face book contact at least twice a year (once each semester). The purpose of this contact is positive reinforcement—find someway to fill their bucket. This contact will be logged on the parental contact sheet provided by the principal.
- GISD Superintendent and Board Members will conduct a Drop Out Recovery Initiative. They will make home visits to any student coded as a drop out from the 2009-2010 school year. These visits will be conducted in September for the purpose of getting students who have dropped out of school back into an educational program.