

Horizon Home Visits



Who: Teachers, parents, students, and families (Teachers should go with minimum of at least one other teacher and a maximum of 3-4 teachers. Home Visits should never be completed alone.) To many teachers going to one home visit can be overwhelming for a family.

What: A Home Visit is a relationship building meeting between the parent, teacher, and the student.

Where/When: A Home Visit typically takes place at the home of student and parent on a specific time/day that is mutually agreed upon. However, accommodations can be made to meet at another location if requested.

Why: Horizon is invested in developing strong relationships with the goal of increasing communication, trust, cultural competency, and support between families and our school. Furthermore, research has shown a positive impact on students in the following areas:

- Increased student attendance rates
- Increased student test scores
- Decreased discipline issues

What a Home Visit Looks like: Introduce yourself and the staff that attended. Visits should be around 20-30 minutes. Take the family a small gift (We have gifts in the cabinets below the TV in the teachers' lounge.) Have student work/test scores to discuss student's progress academics and/or behavior. Discuss any of the parent's concerns/questions they have. Thank the family for letting you visit, have them sign the home visit form, and review the best way to communicate in the future. Once you return to school, submit a home visit reimbursement and log the home visit in CSIS. If you would like to see a home visit in action watch it [here](#).

In closing, this practical and unique way of promoting family engagement throughout our school encompasses the very philosophy that we believe in at Horizon- It takes a village to raise a child.

So, are you ready for your Home Visit?

