



## How Does My School Communicate With Parents?

At the elementary school, a newsletter is published by the principal twice a month. An elementary website is maintained, and the district holds parent-teacher conferences for a personalized approach. The principal has instituted a phone home program for positive reports. The student data base and management system, PowerSchool, is available to parents beginning in the first grade which provides online access of student progress for parents.

In the middle school, course offerings are listed in the middle school Student Handbook. Each student receives an educational planner at the start of the year. Parents and students are also notified of spontaneous educational opportunities throughout the school year through the district's website, report cards, PowerSchool announcements, newsletters, and mailings. A middle school newsletter is published quarterly in conjunction with the Hilltop Action Team.

At the high school, students receive a copy of the Red & Gray at the start of each new school year, which students and parents must first read and then sign. Students are provided with a Guidance Handbook as well as access to the Guidance Website, which maintains a calendar of documents and resources. After-school activities and parent student meetings provide forums for exchange of information. A Course Description Guide is published and posted electronically as well. It includes the graduation requirements, course descriptions, and credits for all educational opportunities as well as information on athletic eligibility and dual and concurrent enrollment programs.

Parents and students access these opportunities through evening forums, web access, and publications that are distributed at appropriate intervals. Transition meetings are held for all parents and students who are in the process of promotion from elementary to middle school and from middle school to high school.