How Family - Friendly Is Your School?

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Before viewing the Georgia Virtual Family - Friendly Partnership Schools , take a minute to complete this self assessment. *How family - friendly is your school?* In column one place a check mark beside the items you feel represent your school. Then, after viewing the Georgia Virtual Family - Friendly Partnership Schools review your choices . *Do you still think your school is family - friendly in those areas?* Now using column two place an X beside the items you would like to improve or implement in your school.		
1. The school is easy to find within the community and the front entrance of the building can be easily identified.		
2. The front of the school depicts a welcoming environment that naturally makes families and visitors feel accepted and at ease.		
3. The school provides various guest badges upon sign in representing either a parent, a volunteer, or a visitor.		
4. The front office staff is friendly and helpful. They assist and recognize visitors immediately, as well as answer the phone and treat visitors politely.		
5. The school has friendly signs throughout the building in languages all parents can understand welcoming, thanking, and directing families on how to get around to key rooms and locations.		
6. The school provides regular opportunities for parents to volunteer in many different capacities throughout the school.		
7. School faculty and staff acknowledge parent presence with a positive attitude and provide many opportunities for parent—teacher communication.		
8. Student work is displayed throughout classrooms and halls along with the standards rubric and teacher feedback.		
9. The school has a parent resource center that provides families with important educational resources, offers workshops, and provides support services.		
10. The school has a Parent Involvement Coordinator who serves as the primary contact person for families and links them to the school.		

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11. The school provides regular events and opportunities for parents to visit during school and non-school hours.		
12. The school is open and accessible for extended hours to encourage family and community use of areas such as the gym, auditorium, cafeteria, grounds, athletic fields, etc.		
13. The principal holds weekly open office hours as well as opportunities to meet with groups of parents through advisory councils, town hall meetings, or other events.		
14. The school engages in regular communication with all families and makes sure parents receive all important correspondences by delivering them in multiple forms and in languages representative of the school's population.		
15. The school regularly asks for parent input and feedback regarding school climate and culture.		
16. The school recognizes, respects, and reaches out to all families regardless of culture, ethnicity, language, or disability.		
17. The school provides professional development for staff on topics of parent involvement, cultural competence and sensitivity, and communication with parents.		
18. The school has active involvement from community partners in and outside of the classroom.		
19. The school has active parent organizations that encourage and recruit all parents to participate.		
20. All parents, faculty, staff, administrators, and community members view the school as welcoming, inviting, and family friendly.		

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