

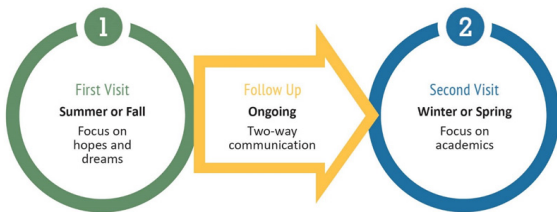
# What Happens When a Child's Family Welcomes a Teacher into Their Home?

Families are the experts on their children. Teachers are the experts in the classroom. Both want the best for their students. Parent Teacher Home Visits are designed to build a trusting relationship between equal partners, so that the most important adults in a child's life can work together to support the child's learning and growth.

PTHV is also a national nonprofit organization that provides training and support to schools and districts so that they can realize the widespread impact that comes from strong and systematic implementation of its model.



## The PTHV Model



The success of Parent Teacher Home Visits relies on training teachers and staff to develop meaningful relationships with the families of their students, starting with voluntary home visits. These are short, 30-40 minute conversations, in which educators listen, ask questions, and make observations that they can take back to their classrooms to improve instruction for the learner. As a two-visit model, PTHV encourages the initial, ice-breaking visit to occur in the summer or early fall. This first visit focuses on sharing hopes and dreams. It is followed by ongoing communication throughout the term and a second visit that focuses on academics or any other relevant issue to the student or family.



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## PTHV Core Practices



- 1 Visits are voluntary for all staff members and all families. Sites are encouraged to set a schoolwide goal, but visits cannot be required.
- 2 Compensation for visits conducted after hours demonstrates value and respect for educators' time. Please follow the direction of the site coordinator for administrative requirements.
- 3 Parent Teacher Home Visits focus on building relationships by sharing hopes and dreams for students. Initial visits are not to be used to discuss academic, behavior, or attendance concerns.
- 4 Parent Teacher Home Visits are for **all** students. Be sure to schedule visits with a cross-section or all students. Do not target only students who have specific attendance, behavior, or academic concerns.
- 5 Parent Teacher Home Visits must be conducted in pairs. Reflection enables educators to challenge personal assumptions about families and apply learning to their teaching practice.

## PTHV Works

Rigorous evaluations of our model prove that Parent Teacher Home Visits:

- Increase students' academic and developmental growth
- Build skills and understanding in both teachers and families
- Improve school climate, attendance and test scores

- Increase cultural competence and connection
- Build community support for local schools

In other words, students do better in schools where teachers visit students' families at home. Parent Teacher Home Visits are proven, cost-effective, and replicable in a variety of district settings. Our relational approach to home visits is transforming public schools in rural, suburban and urban communities across the country.

# Everyone Plays on the Same Team to Help Students Succeed

For more about how we do this and the research behind it, please visit [pthvp.org](http://pthvp.org). If you have questions or would like to explore how home visits could make a difference in your community, please call us (916) 448-5290.

