

Q&A from Community Schools: Opportunities and Barriers for OST – January 28, 2021

The following are questions that were asked in the chat during the session and were either answered in the chat or after-the-fact via email.

Questions for Deputy Secretary Sandoval and/or Marangellie Trujillo: In regards to home visits...how often are home visits happening and how are you assuring safety for both staff, students/families? Can we have an example of what a home visit offers and looks like?

Answer from Marangellie (via chat): *Home visits are tailored to the needs of each community school. Some community schools tailor their visits on attendance or lack of communication with the school. We have up to home visits in a quarter. Most home visits have happened virtually during the pandemic and schools should follow the NMDOH and PED guidelines.*

Question for Danette Townsend: As a community partner organization, would we just contact a local community school and say “what can we do together?”

Answer from Danette (via chat, although it was also discussed): *Every community school has a community school coordinator. I would seek that role out and connect directly with them. If you are in ABQ, ABC can connect you. If a school is a community school they must have a dedicated person to serve as the community school coordinator. If a school is not yet a formal community school it is best to reach out to the principal as a starting point.*

General question: Is there a regional list of community schools available?

Answer from Danette (via chat): *ABC Network Schools: If you are interested in connecting with one of these schools please let me know.*

Adobe Acres ES

Atrisco Heritage Academy HS

Cleveland MS

Duranes ES

Emerson ES

Ernie Pyle MS

Eugene Field ES

Garfield MS

Governor Bent

Grant MS

Harrison MS

Hawthorne ES

Hayes MS

Highland HS

Inez ES

Jimmy Carter

John Adams MS

Kennedy MS

Kit Carson ES
Kirtland ES
La Mesa ES
Lew Wallace ES
Longfellow ES
Los Padillas ES
Manzano HS
Manzano Mesa ES
NACA ES/MS/HS
Navajo ES
Pajarito ES
Polk MS
RFK MS/HS
Rio Grande HS
Rudolfo Anaya ES
Valle Vista ES
Van Buren MS
West Mesa HS
Whittier ES
Washington MS
Wilson MS

Additional information from Maria Zuniga (via chat): *If you are in the Las Cruces, NM area we have the following community schools, Dona Ana ES, Booker T. Washington, ES, MacArthur ES, and Lynn Middle School. If you would like to connect, here is my email mzuniga1@lcps.net, 575-636-3303 - Maria Zuniga, Community School Coordinator*

Question for Shawn Morris: What is your approach to heightening attendance virtually?

Answer (via email): *Quality programing fosters increased attendance. Attendance initiatives also lend to increased attendance (Prizes, raffles for prizes, etc.)*

Question for Shawn Morris: What has been your key way to ensure parent involvement during this pandemic? Also, with Mindfulness 101, what has been the success?

Answer (via email): *Working on virtual Community Diner to increase parent involvement. Parent involvement during pandemic has been spotty. Mindfulness 101 – increased attendance on those days and anecdotal evidence collected through our behavior health team and through the orientation teachers.*