
HOMEWORK HOTLINE

Valley View Parent-Teacher Co-Op School

Cleveland, Ohio

How do we encourage positive connections between families and schools? Parents, teachers, and the school administration at Valley View Parent Teacher Co-Op School are working to achieve communication through their "Homework Hotline." This automated phone system provides the following services for families, students, and the school: 1) parents may alert the school when their child will be absent; 2) parents and children may call the system to find out daily homework assignments; 3) the computer prints out the total number of phone calls made to inquire about school information.

Those involved in the project at Valley View promote the "Homework Hotline" as useful for any school. It is particularly helpful to those schools that have parent populations spread over a wide area. Funds for the project were acquired through a special fund as part of 'Vision 21' which benefits those schools who adopt a parent-teacher cooperative school model.

Reports of "Homework Hotline" use are quite impressive!! As of late January 1998, 3,747 calls have been made to the school! This large number of calls certainly suggests that Type 2 (Communicating) is growing at Valley View Parent-Teacher Co-op School.

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