
TRANSPORTATION AND BABYSITTING PROVIDED

Magnet Middle School Stamford, Connecticut

Magnet Middle School instituted practices to meet the challenges of families who want to come to school events, but who do not have transportation or a babysitter. The magnet school draws students from all areas of the city. Unfortunately, there is very limited public transportation available to service the different neighborhoods. As a result of these challenges, the Action Team recommended that transportation be provided so that parents could attend school events. The team also recommended that babysitting be provided to those who needed it.

The Action Team surveyed the school's families and discovered that over twenty families would use the transportation and babysitting services. Starting in 1999, the Action Team advertised transportation and babysitting in flyers inviting families to school events. Each event's flyer included a tear-off section at the bottom for families to identify their transportation and/or babysitting needs in order to attend the event. Students returned the completed tear-off sections to their advisors in time to arrange the appropriate services for the school event. Parents volunteered to pick up those parents who needed rides, and seventh and eighth grade students served as babysitters.

Although we have noticed less of a need for the services this year, we still provide them because we are committed to helping every family attend school events.

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