© 2014 National Association of Independent Schools

All rights reserved. No part of this booklet may be reproduced in any form without permission from the publisher, NAIS.


The National Association of Independent Schools provides services to more than 1,700 schools and associations of schools in the United States and abroad, including 1,400 nonprofit, private K-12 schools in the U.S. that are self-determining in mission and program and are governed by independent boards. NAIS works to empower independent schools and the students they serve. For more information, visit www.nais.org.
ABOUT THE NAIS PRINCIPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE

The NAIS Principles of Good Practice (PGP) for member schools define high standards and ethical behavior in key areas of school operations to guide schools in becoming the best education communities they can be, to embed the expectation of professionalism, and to further our sector’s core values of transparency, excellence, and inclusivity.
OVERVIEW

Principles of Good Practice for Parents Working with Schools

Parents and independent schools work together to create and sustain effective partnerships. The following principles of good practice describe the respective roles and responsibilities of both partners.
Parents recognize that effective partnerships are characterized by clearly defined responsibilities, a shared commitment to collaboration, open lines of communication, mutual respect, and a common vision of the goals to be reached.
In selecting an independent school, parents seek an optimal match for the needs of the student, their own expectations, and the philosophy and programs of the school.
Parents are familiar with and support the school’s policies and procedures.
Parents provide a home environment that supports the development of positive learning attitudes and habits.
Parents involve themselves in the life of the school.
Parents seek and value the school’s perspective on the student.
When concerns arise, parents seek information directly from the school, consulting with those best able to address the concerns.
Parents share with the school any religious, cultural, medical, or personal information that the school may need to serve the student best.
On the NAIS Parents’ Guide at parents.nais.org, you will find resources, tips, and timelines to help you successfully navigate the school search and admission process. Also see a collection of inspiring stories about NAIS independent schools at www.inspirationlab.org.
On the NAIS website at www.nais.org, you will find articles, data, and research you can use in your efforts to best serve students. You will also find the full collection of the NAIS Principles of Good Practice in all areas of school operations. On the NAIS website at www.nais.org,
The school actively seeks the knowledge it needs to work effectively with a diverse parent body.
The school suggests effective ways for parents to support the educational process.
The school offers and supports a variety of parent education opportunities.
The school defines clearly how it involves parents when considering major decisions that affect the school community.
The school keeps parents well informed through systematic reports, conferences, publications, and informal conversations.
Teachers and administrators are accessible to parents and model candid and open dialogue.
The school seeks and values the parents' perspective on the student.
The school clearly and fully presents its philosophy, program, and practices to parents during the admission process and encourages dialogue that clarifies parental expectations and aspirations for the student.

The school clearly and fully presents its philosophy, program, and practices to parents during the admission process and encourages dialogue that clarifies parental expectations and aspirations for the student.
The school recognizes that effective partnerships are characterized by clearly defined responsibilities, a shared commitment to collaboration, open lines of communication, mutual respect, and a common vision of the goals to be reached.
OVERVIEW

Schools Working with Parents

Principles of Good Practice for Parents Working with Schools

The following principles of good practice describe the respective roles and responsibilities of both partners.

Parents and independent schools work together to create and sustain effective partnerships.
about the

NAIS principles of good practice

sample PDF only

about the

NAIS principles of good practice

sample PDF only

samples
The National Association of Independent Schools serves more than 1,700 schools and associations of schools in the United States and abroad, including 1,400 nonprofit, private K-12 schools in the U.S. that are self-governing in mission and program. NAIS works to empower independent schools and the students they serve. For more information, visit www.nais.org.


© 2014 National Association of Independent Schools

Published by NAIS.
PRINCIPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR WORKING WITH SCHOOLS

for Parents of Independent Schools

National Association of

Sample PDF only