

Home Visits

The New America School Lakewood, CO



The New America School in Lakewood serves over 300 students from all over the world, including Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Eastern European nations. The school participates in home visits with the goal of welcoming families into the school, facilitating communication around re-engagement, and building relationships to ensure student success.



Family Engagement Liaison Yvette Martinez, Building Manager Jesus Adrian Chavez, Building Monitor Albertano Gonzalez, and new to the school Truancy Specialist Carlos Trujillo are part of the home visit team and have been collaborating with New America families in these home visits.

Home Visits are usually scheduled ahead of time with families via phone. During these visits, the team travels to welcome new families and students, as well those returning. Most visits include a discussion with students and families about the importance of school attendance. The team and families discuss barriers and challenges of attending school as well as share ideas and jointly make a plan to improve attendance and engagement.

The team arrives prepared to share credits earned and needed, grades, teacher concerns, and strategies to include families in the discussion and plan. Visits are also scheduled for young parents attending The New America School who will benefit from resources in the community. The school believes that, through the home visits, families will feel better equipped and supported so that their student can grow and succeed.

The New America School has had positive feedback on surveys as well as everyday interactions with students and families. Even with some challenges with time and staff availability, the school believes that home visits will continue with the hopes of building strong relationships and creating a strong community.

Families and students have expressed that home visits are a great opportunity to have conversations around other supports to motivate them to continue their education. “At first, we were not really open to the idea of having someone from the school come to our home. But after that first visit, we know that they have my daughter’s best interest at heart and they value her as a young mom and believe in her,” said a grandmother.