

Parent Engagement Hours Program

Grimmway Academy Shafter families are strongly encouraged to perform 30 “Engagement Hours” per family each school year that their child is enrolled. All approved activities coincide with good parenting practices that help students succeed in school. Research shows that parents involved in their child’s learning at school results in higher student achievement and overall school experience. Not all 30 hours need/can be completed in the classroom or by donations.

Examples of Parent Engagement Hours:

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| 1. Attend a Parent Conference | 6. Helping in the classroom | 11. Helping in the Lab |
| 2. Attend Governance & Board Meetings | 7. Supervising a school event | 12. Student Projects |
| 3. Volunteering in the Café | 8. Coach/lead an afterschool activity | 13. Driveway Supervision |
| 4. Donating Classroom Materials | 9. Attend POGA Meetings | 14. Attend Parent University |
| 5. Chaperone a Community Walk | 10. Preparing Materials | 15. Classroom Tutoring |

A Mutual Agreement form will be signed at the beginning of the school year by both the family and school official. The document will outline all practices Grimmway Schools will implement to help your child succeed at our school. It will also outline what families can do to support their child at Grimmway Academy Shafter with the goal of succeeding in our rigorous environment.

POGA (Parents of Grimmway Academy)

POGA is organized for the purpose of promoting the interests of GA in cooperation with the administrators and teachers. In addition, they provide a forum for the sharing of ideas that will benefit GA and for educating parents about the GA educational program. The POGA parents meet on a monthly basis on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm and all parents are welcome to attend meetings. Those parents who attend meetings will become voting members. An interpreter will be present at each meeting. (Refer to separate POGA bylaws document). All meetings will be held at Grimmway Academy Shafter at 5:30 pm.