# Marketing & Enrollment

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The right people

Audience Personas Ideal Advocates

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The right stories

Vision & Mission Graduate Profile Story Structure Differentiation Brand Narrative The right ways

## Customer Journey















## **Enrollment Strategies**





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1. Annual Re-Enrollment

Challenges:

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- □ Parents: time; money; commitment
- School: personnel resources;

enrollment planning, budgeting



#### 2. Continuous Enrollment

Benefits:

- Parents: once in, always in.
- School: parents only opt-out;
  stronger parent commitment;
  financial protection

## CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT Once You're In, YOU'RE IN!

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**ONE-ON-ONE** Consultations

#### SMALL GROUPS Vision Nights

#### LARGE GROUPS Open House

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### "Selling is no longer about persuasion. Selling is about understanding your customer's problems and solving them."

-Neil Rackham, SPIN Selling







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**SPIN Selling** 

#### **ROLE PLAY**

Situation #1

Sally is entering sixth grade. Parents are looking for a Christian school that will reinforce the values of their home.

#### **ROLE PLAY**

Situation #2

Michael is entering third grade. Parent is worried because he is behind in reading and struggling in school.



#### **COACHING REQUEST**

Submit one form per school.

Select a coach only once.





#### ASSEMBLY FOOD HALL

# **1:00**

## **Creating Your Marketing Plan**







Getting Started

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			Oct				Nov
	4	11	18	25	1	8	15
KEY DATES				Home Visits	Staff Development	Evening of Hope	Admissions Tour
Friends & Family		Thank you's/appreciation gifts				Freinds & Family Email/Text	
Community Outreach	Thank you's to Community Partners for enrolled students				Community Partner Re-engagement/appr eciation		
Digital		Digital Marketing Evaluation/Report					Digital Marketing Plan Draft #1
Advertising	Photo Shoot		Web Updates				
Other Advertising					Explore Mailing List Vendors		Design Outdoor Banners
Events	Open Streets	Open Streets	Open Streets				High School Fair KIPP
Materials	Form/material evaluation		Form/material revamp drafts	Form/Materials Finalized			



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### Take a Break!

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