



Pittsburgh Grandview PreK-5 Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Policy Reviewed 8/26/22

Parent and Family Engagement is a critical factor in the success of every child in our school. Pittsburgh Grandview, PreK-5 embraces a Parent and Family Engagement Program that acknowledges and honors the Home/School relationship. We accomplish it in several ways.

Sharing Jointly the Parent and Family Engagement Policy Development Information

- An annual meeting is held with parents and staff at the start of every school year to jointly develop the Home/School Compact. During this meeting, information is shared regarding new curricula, recent results of current state and local assessments and any changes to the staff for the 2022/2023 school year.

Convening Regular Parent and Family Engagement Meetings

- The Grandview Parent School Community Council meets monthly as posted on the Pittsburgh Grandview website. The Title 1 meeting occurs as part of the first PSCC meeting of the year. During this meeting, parents and staff jointly review and make recommendations to improve the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
- During each meeting, members of the PSCC jointly plan, review and make recommendations regarding Pittsburgh Grandview's Title 1 and School-Wide Program plans. This remains a focus of every meeting throughout the year.
- Throughout the school year, parents are invited to attend special events designed to offer curricular content information and training and resources to strengthen the Home/School connection and support student achievement. The topics for these events and the agenda are jointly developed with members of the staff and the Parent School Community Council.
- Participation at all PSCC meetings and other school functions is open and encouraged for any parent or community member interested in attending.
- Mr. David Anthony serves as Pittsburgh Grandview's FACE Coordinator and as the parent/school/community liaison. Mr. Anthony works jointly with parents and the school staff/administrators to schedule meetings and plan activities that meet the requests and needs of the parents and families.
- Information sent out regarding meetings and events are communicated in writing as well as through the district phone messaging system. Meeting agendas and notes are also posted on the Pittsburgh Grandview School website for access to those unable to attend.

Transparency in the Parent and Family Engagement Title 1 Budget

- Information is shared about the use of Title 1 funds for parent engagement activities and related expenses including transportation, childcare, or home visit expenses that enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and special events including curricular content trainings.

Informing Parents of the PA Academic Standards

- The following curricula are used at Pittsburgh Grandview, PreK-5
 - Big Day for the Pre-K
 - Ready Gen
 - Go Math
 - Reading Horizons Discovery
- Curricular Nights are planned jointly with the Grandview Parent School Community council that include literacy and mathematics workshops designed to assist parents in understanding how the PA Academic Standards align to instruction and how students are learning in the various content areas. Parents are able to participate in actual lesson simulations and are provided materials to support review and practice at home.

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- During Parent / Teacher Conferences, parents receive specific information about the PA Academic Content Standards, local academic assessments and information about how to monitor student progress.
- Parents receive ongoing reports of student progress as part of home school communication efforts with special attention provided to ensure information is provided in a family friendly manner that is easily accessible to everyone including translating information when needed.
- Parents are invited to visit classrooms to watch instruction and are encouraged to participate in volunteer or tutoring opportunities.

Informing Parents of Academic Progress

- Regular communication takes place with parents to communicate academic progress. These forms include parent/teacher conferences, interim progress reports, quarterly report cards, student monitoring tools with data from assessments, and results of district and state tests. Teachers are also expected to communicate regularly with families through letters sent home, phone calls, and conferences and the utilization of a school communication platform that teachers, students and families use every day to share what is being learned in the classroom (Class Dojo)
- Parent conferences are available at different times of the day throughout the year so that all parents can have the opportunity to be involved.
- Teachers are available to assist parents in working to improve their student's academic performance.

School Communication with Parents

- Each child is provided a Parent / Student Handbook explaining the policies of the school at the beginning of each school year, or upon enrollment.
- A monthly calendar listing school activities goes home to all families and is posted on our school website page along with updated information about events.
- Agendas and minutes from the PSCC are posted on the Grandview webpage after each meeting.
- The office staff welcomes parents as they enter the school and provide assistance in meeting their requests or needs.
- Parents are expected to sign yearly compacts, attend conferences, and communicate with their children's teachers.
- Volunteering is encouraged at Pittsburgh Grandview Pre K-5. Clearance forms are distributed to all families during the Pre K and Kindergarten orientations, Back to School Night, at the Volunteer Meeting, and upon request.

School Personnel Training

- Parents are asked to jointly engage in all trainings about how staff can communicate and work effectively with parents and family members. Parents and family members will be encouraged to jointly plan and facilitate these trainings.

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