**Derry Area School District**

**School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

**Grandview Elementary School**

**2019 / 2020**

Grandview Elementary School and the parents of the students participating in the activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) agree that this policy outlines how parents, families and school staff members will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve Pennsylvania’s Core Academic Standards.

**School Responsibilities:**

Grandview Elementary School will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the state’s student academic achievement standards as follows:
   * When requested, curriculum guides and program of studies are made available to parents that outline the curriculum content and alignment to PA Core Academic Standards.
2. Hold Parent-Teacher Conferences and Parents in Our School Days during which this policy may be discussed as it relates to the individual child’s achievement. Specifically, those conferences may be held:
   * in the fall at Parent-Teacher Conferences.
   * in the spring at Parents in Our School Day.
   * when a parent request a conference with a teacher or vice versa.
3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their child’s progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:
   * Report cards are sent home at the end of each nine weeks.
   * PSSA results are sent home when received from the state (grades 3-5).
   * Grades are updated on parent portal for parents to view.
   * Student data binders are reviewed at the end of school year.
   * Progress reports are sent home in the middle of each nine weeks.
4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:
   * Parents may set up an appointment to discuss their child’s progress at any time during the school year.
   * Home-School Connection Folder is provided for students.
   * Between 8:10-8:40 AM, a call may be made to the office. If the teacher is unavailable, parents may leave their name and number and their call will be returned.
   * Parents may access teacher’s website, parent portal and email address
5. Provide parent opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child’s class. Possible activities may include:
   * C.A.R.E. Readers (Community Assists Reading Education)
   * Homeroom Helpers
   * P.A.L. Program (Parents Assist Learning)
   * Parents In Our School Day / Student Data Review
   * Parent-Student Summer Jumpstart Program
   * P.T.O. (Parent-Teacher Organization)
   * Field Trip Helpers
   * Parent and Family Engagement Nights
   * Early Childhood Transitional Activities
6. Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the School Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the School-Parent-Student Compact, and Grandview’s Title I Schoolwide program as follows:
   * The School Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent-Student Compact will be sent home to parents in September.
   * A brochure outlining the school-wide program will be distributed in the Back-to-School informational packet sent home to parents.
   * At the Parent Advisory Council meetings, the District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the School-Parent-Student Compact will be reviewed and discussed with parents.
   * At Parent Advisory Council meetings, the committee members will aid in the development, implementation, and evaluation of Grandview’s Title I School-Wide program.
   * Parent suggestions will be considered for Parents in Our School Days.
   * Title I staff will provide end-of-year parent survey.
7. Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children’s achievement as follows:
   * C.A.R.E. Readers (Community Assists Reading Education)
   * Parent-Student Summer Jumpstart Program
   * Caldwell Memorial Community Library Parent Resource Center
   * SPAC (State Parent Advisory Council) Resources and Materials
   * Title I Parent Resource Center Order Form
   * Grade Level Parent and Family Engagement Nights
   * Early Childhood Transitional Activities

Grandview’s Parent Advisory Council approved Grandview Elementary School’s 2019 – 2020 School Parent and Family Engagement Policy in May 2019.