



**MCKEESPORT AREA**  
School District  
Pre-K Counts

### **Pre-K Counts Family Engagement Policy**

It is the policy of the McKeesport Area School District Pre-K Counts program to involve parents and/or guardians in all aspects of their children's education. We recognize the importance of parents/guardians in the learning and education of each child. Teaching and learning can take place in school and any time parents and children do things together. Everyone gains when the school and home collaborate together to foster high achievement. Neither home nor school is able to do the job alone.

The McKeesport Area School District Pre-K Counts staff has developed the following Family Engagement Policy:

1. Parents will be invited to meet with the school staff to discuss the following:
  - a. The Pre-K Counts program, funding, purpose, and how the Pre-K Counts funding will be used
  - b. Explanation and outline of how parents, the school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement
  - c. Opportunities to develop topics and plan for other Pre-K Counts activities
2. During each school year, an opportunity will be provided to examine the current Pre-K Counts parent involvement program/activities, and make suggestions for changes.
3. Pre-K Counts staff will participate with parents in scheduled parent-teacher conferences at a minimum of once per year.
4. Parents have the opportunity to meet with Pre-K Counts staff upon request.
5. Parent Workshops will be provided on topics identified through parent feedback.

6. Parents may request suggestions/resources for ways to help their child at home, which will be provided by the Pre-K Counts teacher.
7. Program plans and evaluations are addressed through faculty/parent meetings and/or through feedback forms handed out at parent involvement activities.
8. Parent involvement activities may take place outside the schools, in places convenient for parents, such as the public library, community center, or local restaurants.
9. Every attempt will be made to eliminate barriers (such as disabilities, limited English proficiency, or limited literacy) to full participation by parents.
10. The family engagement program will develop and promote coordination between the school district and all community preschool programs such as First Steps, Head Start, high school Child Care classes, and Brightside Academy.
11. The family engagement program will be a coordinated effort of the entire Pre-K Counts staff.
12. Parents of children in Pre-K Counts classrooms may request and receive timely information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers.
13. Parent involvement activities will include assignments that need to be completed virtually and offline. When school is not in session, attendance will be marked by work participation/completion.