

Gettysburg Area School District – James Gettys Elementary School Parent Involvement Policy

The James Gettys Elementary School is committed to the belief that all children can learn and acknowledges that parents share our school's commitment to the educational success of their children. We define parent involvement as an ongoing partnership that assists families in meeting their obligation as their child's first teacher, promote dialogue between home and school, and support parents as leaders and decision makers at all levels of the education of their children. The active involvement of parents in the school promotes increased student achievement as measured by our district assessments.

James Gettys Elementary School recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family working in partnership. All parents are invited to "Back to School Night" early in the school year. This evening will inform parents of the curriculum, types of assessments used to monitor progress, and the expected proficiency levels. If students qualify for extra support under Title 1 guidelines, their parents will be notified and opportunities will be provided to familiarize them with these services. Parents are also sent letters informing them of their child's intervention needs through email or letter. All parents are invited to PTO meetings throughout the year, family nights, planning sessions and other curricular related programs that are provided at the school.

Parent input is an important component of our Parent Involvement Policy. A parent survey will be available online twice a year. Mid-year data can be shared with parents through parent conferences, emails or parent letters.

All parents are strongly urged to attend at least one parent teacher conference per year for grades K-5. Their child's progress will be shared at these conferences. Parent conferences are offered during day hours as well as evening hours so that parents are able to attend regardless of work schedules.

A committee involving teachers, parents, and administration will be formed at the beginning of each year. Parents will be given the opportunity to give input on the schoolwide Title I Plan.

The school will keep parents informed of their rights and responsibilities as educational partners. Whole school and individual student achievement will be shared with parents in a concise and easy to understand manner. Progress will be clearly communicated through ongoing parent-teacher dialogue. If parents require transportation assistance in order to attend school functions, the school may provide transportation as deemed necessary.

This Parent Involvement policy supports our James Gettys Vision. The vision of James Gettys Elementary School is to ensure that each student will achieve maximum growth through high expectations and differentiated support. All teachers will utilize best practices while teaching to high standards given appropriate resources. All students, parents, and staff will work together to create a nurturing community in which everyone belongs and demonstrates exemplary character.