

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

"Elevating Instruction: A Challenge to students, staff and community"

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Parent Involvement Policy

In acknowledgement of much reliable research proving the parental involvement raises the academic achievement of students, Gregory Elementary School encourages involvement of parents through an active Parent Volunteer Program, active Family Resource Center and an active PTO. Parents are encouraged to assist in such activities as: Career Day, Principal's Book of the Month, Family Night and many more activities to be announced. Parent Volunteers will be asked to assist in tutoring, mentoring, supporting, and encouraging children. Our goal is to have at least one family activity per school month.

In order to build an effective home-school partnership, Gregory Elementary will provide the following:

1. An open house and regular parent compact meetings will be held in order for the parents to be reassured of their right and responsibility to be involved in their child's education.
2. A flexible number of meetings and activities throughout the year to assist parents in understanding the federal and state academic content and student achievement standards, as well as local academic assessments. Meetings will focus on how parents and teachers can work together to monitor the child's progress in order to improve student achievement.
3. A varied schedule for meetings and conferences in order to accommodate the needs of parents including Technology Night, Award Programs, Parent Forums, DADS Night Out and Healthfair as well as monthly PTO meetings.
4. A minimum of two scheduled parent conferences, where the progress of the student will be discussed as well as the expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, test information and any other concerns that the teacher or parent may have.
5. Continuous communication to assist parents in understanding the school curriculum and student achievement through Newsletters and Notes, Gregory School Report Card, Gregory Parent-Student Newsletter, handouts, Monthly Calendars as well mailing student achievement reports. Newsletter will include parenting information. All invitations to events will be sent in a timely manner with an additional follow-up reminder.

6. A school parent compact designed by parents and school staff that outlines how parents, school staff and students share the responsibility for improving learning.
7. Every other year, a survey for all parents shall be conducted by the Family Resource Center to collect suggestions for improvement and topics for meetings that meet the needs of parents.

Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in a format and language that is free of educational jargon and easily understandable by all. Parents and community member are always to be made welcome at Gregory Elementary School.