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PGCPS Family and School Partnerships defined

In Prince George's County Public Schools, parent, family and community engagement is defined as shared responsibility and effective collaboration between the school system and its parents, families and communities towards developing outstanding academic achievement for all of our diverse student populations.

As a foundational pillar of the CEO's PGCPS Strategy Map, the school system's concept of "parent, family and community engagement" seeks to engage and empower parents as our partners in promoting all children's academic growth and development across all settings where children can learn – at school, at home and in the community.

With this definition, the district pledges to demonstrate commitment to creating and sustaining relationships to strategically implement meaningful and measurable research-based engagement initiatives embrace parents, family and community as:

- Partners in the teaching and the child/adolescent growth and development process in support of their children's learning and development
- Decision Makers on school and community teams focused on choosing educational options for their children, the school, and community.
- Supporters/Advocates in the broader community for improved learning opportunities for their children and at their school

How to Get Involved in Your Child's School Activities:

- **At the beginning of the school year, attend back-to-school night or other orientation events**

Get to know the teachers and other school personnel. Listen to their plans, know what they hope to accomplish with their students, and understand why they chose these goals.

- **Attend school events**

Go to sports events and concerts, student exhibitions, parent-teacher meetings, parents' night, and awards events, such as a "perfect attendance" breakfast.

- **Learn what the school offers**

Read the information the school sends home, and ask to receive information in your native language if necessary. Talk to other parents to find out what programs the school offers. Maybe there's a music program, after-school activity, sports team, or tutoring program your child would enjoy. Remember to keep track of events throughout the school year.

- **Volunteer in your child's school**

If your schedule permits, look for ways to help out at your child's school. Schools often send home lists of ways in which parents can get involved. Schools often need volunteers who can:

- Chaperone field trips or dances
- Serve on the school committees or advisory councils as a parent representative
- Help in your child's class, in the school library, in the cafeteria, or in the school office

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Upcoming Family Institute Sessions:

- Revisiting the PGCPS Code of Conduct- May 8 @6pm
- Fairhousing 101 in PGC- May 18 @ 6pm
- Maryland Memorial Library System- June 1 @ 6pm



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