

# **Gasconade County R-I**

## **Parent Involvement Plan**

### **Mission Statement**

The Gasconade County R-I School District Board of Education believes that engaging parents/families in the education process is essential to improved academic success for students. The Board recognizes that a student's education is a responsibility shared by the district, parents, families and other members of the community during the entire time a student attends school. The Board believes that the district must create an environment that is conducive to learning and that strong, comprehensive parent/family involvement is an important component.

### **Purpose**

The Gasconade County R-I School District developed this Parent Involvement Plan to comply with the directives set forth in Gasconade County R-I Board Policy IGBC. The Gasconade County R-I School District recognizes the shared responsibility of the school and family during the time the child spends in school. Engaging parents is essential to improving student achievement.

This plan is in response to the compliance component of Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. The plan includes practices designed to enhance parent involvement and reflect the specific needs of students and their families.

### **Parent Involvement Plan**

The Gasconade County R-I School District has developed this parent involvement plan with parents, teachers, and staff through a variety of formats including, but not limited to, parent surveys, family events, conferences, and meetings. The plan establishes the expectations for parent involvement as it relates to the Gasconade County R-I Schoolwide Title I program.

At the beginning of each school year, a Title I informational meeting is held at each school receiving Title I funds. At this meeting, information regarding parent's rights, the school's participation in Schoolwide Title I, and Title I requirements are discussed. The ESSA complaint procedures and parent's rights are disseminated through student handbooks and the school website.

Each Schoolwide Title I building within the Gasconade County R-I School District offers a number of opportunities for parents and families to be involved. These include, but are not limited to, parent/teacher conferences, family events within the school year that focus on math and literacy, Parent-Advisory/PTO meetings, and other school wide events (music programs, science/history fairs, sports).

The Gasconade County R-I School District provides parents timely information about programs and services through direct mailing, notices to parents, the use of local media, email, school newsletters, the school website, phone communication, texts, social media, newspaper notices, and the Infinite Campus parent portal. To the extent possible, this parent information will be sent in the language parents can understand. The schools provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and migrant families.

The Gasconade County R-I School District will provide a description and explanation of the curriculum and academic assessments used to measure progress, including the expected proficiency levels. This is communicated through parent meetings, parent/teacher conferences, notes home, newsletters from the classroom and school, the school website, and the Infinite Campus parent portal.

All students in kindergarten through eighth grade are eligible to receive academic support utilizing Title I teachers and services in the Gasconade County R-I School District. The school-parent compact outlines how parents, teachers, and students share in the responsibility for improving student achievement. The compact further explains how the school's responsibility is to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables students to meet the state's standards. The school-parent compact describes the ways in which each parent will be responsible for supporting student learning and participating in decisions relating to the education of their child. The school-parent compact addresses the importance of communication between the teachers, students, and parents on an ongoing basis through conferences, newsletters, and progress reports to parents. This compact is reviewed annually.

The Gasconade County R-I School District gives parents reasonable access to staff, along with opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom. The school district does not have policies or procedures that would discourage a parent from visiting a school. However, parents are encouraged to maintain a presence when visiting their child's building or classroom that allows for the educational environment to be positive. Parent input, suggestions, and questions are welcomed by the school district. Each school building has guidelines for parents that wish to participate in parent volunteer opportunities. Parent volunteers are a welcome addition to our school community. Volunteer information is available in each school office and at Gasconade County R-I Central Office.

This written Parent Involvement Plan shall be distributed to all parents in the Gasconade County R-I School District in an understandable format and in a language parents can understand. It has been placed on the school website making it available to all parents and the community. This plan is updated annually to meet the changing needs of parents, students and the school. If the plan is not satisfactory to parents, comments may be submitted in writing to the school, the comments will be reviewed, and staff and the Title I schools will actively work to resolve those concerns.

It is the goal of the Gasconade County R-I School District to assure an ongoing partnership between parents, community members, and the school. The district believes such a partnership is fundamental to the academic and social success of students. The Gasconade County R-I School District hopes that this partnership will produce an atmosphere of community involvement that has a positive impact on the lives of each of our students. The Parent Involvement Plan is an effort to cover the range of responsibilities and services the Gasconade County R-I School District provides to the parents of its students and to the community.

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