

Goal

Grantsville Elementary School recognizes the importance of forming a strong partnership with parents-families and community members. Working as equal partners, we can positively impact the students in our school. Our school will also provide assistance to parents in understanding Maryland's academic content standards along with state and local assessments. As a Title I school, Grantsville is required to use programs that are scientifically research evidence based and make an impact on student achievement. We have implemented intervention programs that will support students in various academic and behavioral ways.

Decision Making And Parents' Rights

Our goal is to include parents in school decisions and develop parent leaders. Parents are invited to attend parent meetings to discuss and as a parent, you have the right to:

- Review the Garrett County Complaint Policy
- Review Title I documents and give input on:
 - Title I Parent-Family Engagement Plan, Title I Parent Engagement Budget, Student-Family-School-Administration Compact, and the School Improvement Plan.
- Inquire about the qualifications of the professionals that work with your child.
- Attend workshops that will help you as a parent.
- Attend PTO events
- Complete a yearly survey in order to provide input on family events, best times, and topics.

Parent input and comments are highly valued

A copy of the School Improvement Plan is available in the school office or on the Garrett County Board of Education website at www.gcps.net. Click Grantsville Elementary School, then click the Title I Information link. Submit any comments or concerns to Tracie Miller at tracie.miller@garrettcountyschools.org or 301.895.5173

Family engagement dates throughout the year

Be on the lookout for the dates and times of the events throughout the year. There will be topics on how to help your child be successful academically as well as learning about social and emotional & family wellness.

Title I Parent-Family Engagement Plan 2024-2025



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How Can You Be Involved?

- Attend Back to School Night
- Attend parent-teacher conference
- Participate in school programs and assemblies
- Check and sign your child's planner each day
- Participate in the Parent Teacher Organization(PTO) and events
- Be a school volunteer
- Attend School Improvement Plan Meetings
- Participate in Family Nights
- Attend Monthly Title I Meetings at the Board of Education.
- Read the school newsletter
- Request information in your native language
- Attend the Annual Title I Parent Rights Meeting to learn about our school's Title I program, state and local assessments, and how to support learning at home.
- Read the school and teacher emails.

Family Programs

- Title I Annual meeting/Back-to-School Night
- Parent/Teacher Conference (Second Term)
- Character Education Assemblies-Monthly
- Award ceremonies for attendance, behavior, and achievement-Monthly
- "Circles" Family Engagement Nights-Sponsored by Title I and Judy Center
- Title I/Judy Center Family Activities-Playgroups & Bulldog Reading Nights
- Parent Cafes and Summer Literacy Backpack Program

Grantsville Elementary School wants to ensure parents-families have every opportunity to **participate in school activities by providing the following accommodations:**

- Multiple meeting dates and times
- Interpreters as needed
- Childcare as needed
- Food where applicable
- Transportation for attending school-family events as needed

Parenting That Encourages Learning At Home

- Make school important!
- Speak positively about your child's teacher and school staff.
- Make sure your child goes to school on time every day.
- Answer notes and telephone calls from your child's teacher or school staff..
- Keep books, magazines, and newspapers in your home.
- Take your child to the library.
- Read to your child daily.
- Have your child write notes to family members or write a shopping list.
- Instill a love of learning.
- Contact your child's teacher to discuss your child.
- Monitor your child's homework assignment, check the communication from teachers (emails and/or planner)
- Use online reading and math resources in Schoology and at home.

Collaborating with the Community

- "I Can Swim" & "College and Me" at Garrett College
- Garrett Mentors Program
- Head Start Partnership & Early Head Start
- Garrett County Health Department Counseling Services
- Head Start Transition Meetings
- Judy Center Partnership
- Local Civic Organization
- Grantsville Town Partnerships
- University of Maryland Extension Office
- Lego League Program
- Garrett County Health Department-Parents After School Program

Websites

There are several online resources available to families. Listed below are some contact information websites for your convenience.

www.marylandpublicschools.org

www.MDReportcard.org

www.garrettcountyschools.org

<https://www.gcps.net/Domain/12>
(Grantsville Elementary School)

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