

GRANDFALLS-ROYALTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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In order to improve Parent/Family participation, Grandfalls-Royalty ISD has adopted the Grandfalls-Royalty ISD Family Engagement Plan.

To foster communication with parents Grandfalls-Royalty ISD has an open door communication policy. Parents are able to call the school and leave voice mail messages for their child's teacher. Each parent is provided with a parent student handbook and individual grade level classroom goals at the beginning of the school year. Grandfalls-Royalty ISD maintains an active website with current school information and links to all teachers' web pages. Parents are encouraged to schedule teacher conferences when needed, as well as attending the calendar-scheduled conferences. There is a PTO at Grandfalls-Royalty ISD.

Parents are encouraged to visit school activities through invitations from the schoolwide call system, and school-wide notes. Grandfalls-Royalty ISD provides many diverse parent activities throughout the school year.

To increase family involvement within Grandfalls-Royalty ISD School staff will continue to use the following items for communication:

Communication with Parents:

- Website
- Phone Calls both automated and personal
- Emails

In order to meet the Grandfalls-Royalty ISD requirements, the following standards will be met:

Standard 1: Family Involvement is incorporated as a strategy to achieve any goal in the District Improvement Plan.

- A group of family members, Grandfalls-Royalty ISD teachers and staff, and community members are participating in the revision of the DIP.

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Standard 2: Everyone who works at the school strongly believes that family involvement is important to student's success and academic achievement.

- Every teacher is responsible and aware of his or her responsibility to include families in their children's education. Volunteers are called upon in the classroom to help with classroom education.
- Events are held at various times of the week, both day and night, to adhere to different work schedules and family needs.

Standard 3: School staff use creative ways of reaching out to families who have not been involved in their children's education.

- The school counselors, as well as administration staff, are continuously contacting families to provide support and resources.

Activities that we will continue to do

- Title One Meeting
- School wide messaging system
- Meet the Teams Night
- Open House X 2
- Veterans Day Program
- College FASA (Free Federal Student Aid Application) Night
- One Act Play Dinner and Show
- Parent pickup of report cards during the semester

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This chart describes some of the methods that can be used measure the goals of the engagement action plan

Method	Overall Purpose	Advantages	Disadvantages
Questionnaires, Surveys, checklist	To quickly and or Easily get a lot of information from people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can complete anonymously • Inexpensive to administer • Administer to many people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wording can bias responses • Impersonal • Don't get full story
Interviews	To fully understand someone's impressions or experiences or learn more about their answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get full range and depth of information • Can be flexible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can take a lot of time • Hard to analyze and compare • Can be costly
Observation	To gather information about how a program operates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View operations of a program as they occur • Can adapt to events as they occur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be expensive • Can influence behavior of participants • Can be complex to categorize observations
Focus Group	To explore a topic in depth through group discussions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get common impressions • Can convey key information about programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard to analyze responses • Need good facilitator for safety and disclosure • Difficult to schedule people together