New Jersey Department of Education

Educational Partnerships

Parent Academy for Student Success (PASS)

General Session #1 Agenda: Parent Academy for Student Success (PASS)

Introduction to PASS

- Academy description
- Mission
- Justification
- Goals

Welcome and Commitment from District and School Leaders

- Superintendent
- Board of Education member
- Principal

What Makes PASS Different from Other Parent Involvement Activities?

- The PASS Difference – One Focus – Student Learning
- Benefits of home/school academic partnerships

Timelines, Targets and Supporting Materials

- Marking period 1, 2, and 3
- Three themes aligned with learning milestones and implementation of new initiatives
    - Academy #1 Student Learning with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
    - Academy #2 Assessing Student Learning and PARCC
    - Academy #3 Out-of-School Learning that Supports Students in the Classroom
- Buzz Words – A shared Language

Benefits of the First PASS

- Common Core State Standards
    - Overview
    - Myths and Facts
    - Resources
- How students learn using the Common Core
- CCSS Inspired Homework

Three 20-minute breakouts

1. ELA in the classroom, 2. Mathematics in the classroom, and 3. Blended content across subject areas
    - Introduction to a Common Core classroom
    - Focus topic (10-15 min.)
    - Shift in teaching and learning ("*That* is what we did before the CCSS and *this* is what we are doing with the CCSS") Parents will learn strategies to more effectively assist their child in learning mathematics and English language arts.
    - Relevant handouts

Conversation Café for Q&A ----------