New Jersey Department of Education

Educational Partnerships

Parent Academy for Student Success (PASS)

Description: A Parent Academy for Student Success (PASS)

The NJDOE suggested model of a **Parent Academy for Student Success** (PASS) is singularly focused on student achievement. The model supports a school's traditional methods of parent and family involvement, yet it is clearly separate from those traditional activities, and has a targeted focus on academics.

Regular communication between home and school is always recommended. The suggested PASS model is based on a tailored agenda and a purposeful schedule of academic workshops to benefit students. Suggested opportunities for academies are after the first, second, and third marking periods when parents, teachers, and students can review student achievement and hold informed conversations about learning. As students grow, and their learning moves forward, recommended academies increase in rigor and provide the basis for personalized strategies and learning goals for student success.

The PASS tool kit includes: planning guides, sample agendas, talking points, model templates, conversation starters, parent handouts, resources, supplements for classroom conversations with parents, and other tools. The tool kit will grow and celebrate other academy models as they are implemented across the state. Prior to each marking period, additional tools will be added to support teachers and school leaders who are interested in implementation of the NJDOE suggested model of a Parent Academy for Student Success**.**

Mission: A Parent Academy for Student Success (PASS)

The mission of the New Jersey Department of Education's model for a Parent Academy for Student Success (PASS) is to enhance student achievement through effective home/school academic partnerships.

Justification: A Parent Academy for Student Success (PASS)

When educators provide information, resources, and support, PASS empowers parents to build true home/school academic partnerships and contribute to their child's achievement in the classroom and beyond. Achievement in school and out-or-school is a foundation for achievement in life.

Implementation of the suggested academy model:

- Provides districts and schools with a framework for supporting home and school partnerships and important 2-way conversations focused solely on student learning and performance;
- Strengthens the communication, partnerships, and conversations surrounding new expectations for teaching and learning;
- Encourages educators to utilize out of school learning as a strategy to support classroom success;
- Serves as a model for consistent conversations that will promote the benefits of strong home/school partnerships focused on teaching and learning.

Goals: A Parent Academy for Student Success (PASS)

- Educators will commit to improving student achievement by collaborating with parents.
- Local districts and schools will create a bold, proactive approach to focus home/school partnerships solely on teaching and learning.
- Local districts and schools will use the suggested PASS model to design and implement a unique, progressive series of opportunities for parents to become informed and engaged in supporting their child's academic achievement.
- Districts and schools will provide clarification of learning expectations and facilitate a meaningful exchange where parents and educators share ideas, information, and activities that fully support student learning in, and out of, school.
- Educators will provide information regarding the knowledge and skills that students learn in class.
- Educators will value parents as primary partners in their child's education and will inform them of learning strategies that support student learning in school.
- Parents will seek opportunities to gain information and understanding of new teaching and learning techniques to support their child's learning in, and outside of, school.
- Parents and teachers will engage in regular, two-way, meaningful communication to discuss student learning expectations and achievement.
- Parents will become active partners in the academic education and success of their children.
- Educators and parents will work together to validate that when parents are involved in their child's academic education, students experience higher achievement, increased graduation rates, and successful transitions to college or career pathways.