# Grandview ISD Parental Engagement Policy

Grandview ISD School Board is committed to fostering and promoting parental engagement which is: the mutual responsibility of families, schools, and communities to build relationships to support student learning and achievement and to support family well-being and the continuous learning and development of children, families, and educators.

### **Family-to-Family Support:**

- Create a safe and respectful environment where families can learn from each other as individuals and in groups via various parent involvement activities offered at Grandview ISD
- Establish a parental engagement person and Parent Engagement Team consisting of teachers and parents, that serves as an advisory council group
- Ensure that parents of children with disabilities or limited English proficiency have the same access as other parents including information in a language and form they can understand coordinating efforts across communities.

#### **Establish a Network of Community Resources:**

- Build strategic partnerships with providers in the community and leverage community resources including businesses, churches, and mental and physical health providers.
- Develop a Parent Resource Room at the Elementary to support parents with community resources such as local food bank, backpacks for kids, Back to School Fair information, and more.

#### **Increase Family Participation in Decision-Making**

- Provide opportunities such as Meet the Teacher, Parent/Teacher conferences, and Parent Resource Room for families to advocate for their children.
- Provide annual surveys to gather feedback on the school programs, practices, and communications with families.

#### **Equip Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning**

- Equip families with resources and skills to support their child's learning such as Meet the Teacher, Back to School Meeting, and transitioning from campus to campus
- Make the Parent Resource Room available with resources to support parents such as community resources, books for parents, and computer/internet access
- Assure that parents are represented on parent engagement committees, SHAC, campus-based decision making, district-based decision making, and the technology committee to include input from parent perspective

# Develop Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Practices to Support Families in Meeting Their Children's Learning Benchmarks

- Establish school to home communication expectations for staff
- Professional development training for all teachers in the area of parent engagement

## **Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts for Continuous Improvement**

- Survey parents annually, including questions to the effectiveness of the parental engagement plan and barriers to parental engagement
- Provide an opportunity for parents to assist in the development of the evaluation procedures, including analysis of data collected to identify shared goals of engagement