Grasonville Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I programs are designed to improve teaching and learning for students, increase student achievement and support a school–family partnership. We work with our families to jointly develop this Family Engagement Plan/Compact. We invite our families to participate in Family Support Teams to discuss, review, and provide feedback for School Improvement Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan/Compact, and Title I Parent and Family Engagement budget. We also host collaborative conversations to determine how to better support communication and partnerships between our families and teachers. Family members are invited to join various committees such as the School Improvement Team, PTA, and our Family Action Team. For more information regarding our Title I program and/or questions, concerns, or comments regarding Schoolwide Plan, please contact our Family Engagement Specialist, Amanda Ensor at amanda.ensor@qacps.org, or Teacher Specialist, Tiara Rhoades at tiara.rhoades@qacps.org or 410-827-8070. Our school excels when families and educators work together as authentic partners to design, develop, and implement programs that matter in the lives of children.

Working with the Community

Family activities will be coordinated throughout the year in collaboration with local, state, and federal programs to strengthen the family-school partnership and to provide supporting resources. More information about these resources can be found by contacting our Family Engagement Specialist, Amanda Ensor at amanda.ensor@qacps.org.

- (Head Start) SHORE UP! Inc.: This group offers several programs that address the needs of pregnant women, children ages birth to 5, and the parents of these children.
- 21st Century Community Learning Center (PFY Program): This program supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools.
- Grasonville Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA): The school works collaboratively with the PTA to plan activities for our students and their families that promote academics and social and emotional wellness.

Families as Partners

We believe that in order to support our efforts to improve student achievement, our families must be equally engaged in academic, social, and emotional activities. Parent/Family engagement is essential to educate our students. We provide numerous opportunities for families to be engaged throughout the year, during a variety of times:

- Back-to-School Night (September 2019)
- Annual Title I Night: This night is designed to inform families of the school’s role and requirements of implementing Title I and the rights of families to be involved.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (November and April)
- Academic Nights: These nights are designed to help families better understand the challenging state academic standards and to share strategies for families to help enhance skills at home. These nights cover all content areas and will be held 3 times a year.
- Community Outreach Meetings: Through a partnership with Title III, our outreach meetings are designed to truly support the unique needs of our EL families.

Foreign language interpreters and sign language interpreters are always available upon request. Please contact Sofia Eckert, our bilingual parent liaison, if needed at sofia.eckert@qacps.org. Transportation and childcare will be provided to families to participate in family engagement activities upon request.