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## **Pratt Academy Parent Engagement Policy**

### **Commitment**

Pratt Academy is committed to the success of our students. We believe that parent involvement is a crucial part of the success of students. We are committed to establishing and maintaining quality partnerships with parents and the community. Everyone gains when home, school and community work together.

Our goal at Pratt Academy is to establish and maintain a strong collaboration with each student's parents/caretakers. We recognize that neither home nor Pratt Academy staff can do the job alone. The success of our students is dependent upon our positive partnerships.

### **Communication**

An enrollment meeting is held with parents and students. Families will be given the opportunity to learn about program components, requirements and procedures for communicating their student's progress throughout the year. The parent policy and compact can also be obtained at the Pratt Academy office.

Pratt Academy developed a parent/teacher compact. This compact outlines how parents, the school staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement. This agreement is signed upon initial intake by staff, parents and students. The signed compact will be placed in the student's file.

Our partnership with parents is initially established at the enrollment meeting. This meeting happens prior to each student starting at Pratt Academy. All records are reviewed, goals established, and parent involvement opportunities are reviewed. Parents and staff together decide whether to set up regular meetings or let the child's progress determine the frequency.

Staff is available to meet with parents before and after school, or at another scheduled time. Please call and make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. Parents are offered support for rides when their means of transportation is limited.

Teachers answer messages daily to ensure close communication. A note system or weekly progress reports are also available for home and school communication depending on need of student and parent request.

Formal school conferences are available once a year. Students are encouraged to take a lead role in sharing their progress with parents at these conferences.

Family nights are held throughout the school year. These activities provide a light meal and a means to strengthen the home/school partnership. Pertinent information is shared, academic games are played and student success is celebrated.

Input is sought regarding the school plan. Parents are invited to share their suggestions for continued school improvement.

The counseling team at Pratt supports students and families through the delivery of a comprehensive school guidance program, meeting the needs of students in areas of academic, career, and personal/social development. We support students in a variety of ways, including:

- Academic Achievement
- Personal growth
- Facilitating communication with teachers
- Developing and implementing interventions
- Post-secondary planning and links to community resources

### **Parent Education Opportunities**

Pratt Academy parents are invited to meet and communicate formally and informally with school staff. We value and honor your goals for and perspectives about your children. It is a privilege to work with your student.