

PASS 3: Strategies that Enrich and Expand Student Learning

Tools and Topics to Enrich, Extend, and Expand Student Learning Opportunities

The PASS model refers to the term "parent" as any adult who plays an important role in a child's family life.

1. Description of the New Jersey Model of Home & School Partnerships for Student Learning
2. Overview of Parent's Role in Expanding Student Learning Opportunities
3. Tools and Topics to Enrich, Extend and Expand Student Learning Opportunities
 - Home/School Partnerships that Include Extended and Expanded Learning Opportunities
 - Parents Can Support Student Learning through Extended and Expanded Learning Opportunities
 - An Opportunity to Boost Student Performance and Exceed Title I Family Engagement Requirements
 - Support for College- and Career-Ready Students
 - Technology for Teaching and Learning Outside of School
 - Strategies for Parents: Ideas to Support Student Learning in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics
 - Strategies for Parents: Connecting School Life to Real Life
 - Guides to Student Success Based on Academic Standards
 - Family 5 - A Five Star Academic Communication between School and Home
 - Ed Week Reports Study Results that Validate PASS Model
4. Resources for Parents



Some Benefits of Implementing the PASS Model

- All PASS tools, topics, and practices are singularly focused on student achievement and are geared toward reducing barriers to effective home/school collaboration for students' best interests.
- PASS materials include suggested supports and activities to help educators and parents discuss current education topics and themes. The materials are intended for individualization, communication, and engagement activities in each community.
- The PASS model is flexible and easily adaptable to any K-12 grade level. It is not prescribed or mandated by the state, but rather it provides a suggested structure for all New Jersey districts and schools wherein they have the flexibility to design, customize and strengthen their systems and activities that support parents as they guide their children's learning from preschool through high school.
- PASS implementation is aligned with New Jersey's current academic standards: The Next Generation Science Standards; the Core Curriculum Content Standards (CCCS); the Common Core State Standards (CCSS); and PASS will be adapted after the 2015 academic standards review process.
- PASS implementation is also aligned with New Jersey's professional standards for educators, such as:
 - NJ Professional Standards for Teachers and School Leaders;
 - Interstate School Leader Licensure Consortium (ISLLC);
 - Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC); and
 - National Parent and Family Involvement Standards.
- PASS implementation is designed to complement other parent involvement programs.
- The PASS philosophy and guidance allow educators to assure parents that support at home does not mean re-teaching classroom subject matter; rather, it involves becoming fully informed about the expectations for learning and supporting students as they demonstrate that learning in new and measurable ways.
- The PASS model encourages and supports home/school partnerships that explore the primary significance of the student learning process and secondary importance on curricula. The PASS design recognizes that in this knowledge society, information will continue to expand and extend beyond facts. Therefore, students need to have the ability to master the learning process and apply their skills to any new intellectual challenges in their future.
- Implementation of the suggested PASS model will allow educators to share examples of what effective teaching and learning look like in current classrooms. Parents will also have opportunities to share information and insight into their child's learning outside of school. The model allows instruction to become more creative when differentiating and personalizing student learning strategies, and parents can see the benefits of the shift from teachers teaching to learners learning. These benefits add significant value to parent-teacher conferences and provide a framework for personalized student learning strategies.
- Through PASS, parents will have the opportunity to learn about current classrooms that:
 - Help students "learn how to learn;"
 - Emphasize the connection of classroom skills to real-world challenges;
 - Value the differences each individual brings to learning and problem-solving experiences;
 - Help students learn how to work as part of a team;
 - Empower every learner to self-regulate their learning;
 - Foster students' curiosity, creativity, innovation, problem-solving, global literacy, communication, and interpersonal skills; and
 - Provide students with meaningful opportunities to help them use information across disciplines.

Strong and specific academic partnerships between home/school boost student achievement and give students a better chance to succeed in school and in their life beyond school.