

## What is a Parent Guide?

Parent Guides are volunteers, trained by Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS), to be a support for parents. This support can take many forms, from assistance in navigating the school system, to knowing where to get answers to questions, to helping to find the right person to solve a problem, or to just lend an ear.

The idea of the Parent Guides came from meetings held to encourage family involvement in education. A series of meetings found that many parents, for many reasons, felt like they were outside the system. The idea of the Parent Guides developed from the idea that any parent could effectively advocate for their child with a little bit of help.

The call for Parent Guide volunteers was advertised community wide. It is the first of its kind in the state of Maryland. Parents, caregivers and community members responded with enthusiasm. Two groups of Parent Guides have completed training. We are excited to share the information we have learned with other parents.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
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## Mission:

The Parent Guide will educate, encourage, and empower parents who have children attending Carroll County Public Schools.



## Vision:

To help all students achieve in Carroll County Public Schools, the Parent Guide will assist other parents within a regional school community to establish an environment of acceptance and respect. The Parent Guide will use a variety of skills and strategies to foster a positive relationship between home and school, and to help parents understand and negotiate the school system's policies and procedures. The Parent Guide will build a collaborative climate in which parents are comfortable sharing their concerns with school staff who are involved with their children's educational success.

## What do Parent Guides do?

- We support parents in developing positive parenting skills.
- We empower parents to advocate for themselves and their family.
- We maintain an open line of communication with families.
- We provide guidance and support for how to prepare for meetings and conferences.
- We refer families to appropriate CCPS contacts and resources.
- We assist parents when they have problems communicating their concerns to educators.
- We promote a positive relationship between family and school.
- We disseminate information and identify resources to families.
- We maintain confidentiality.



## How are Parent Guides qualified to help?

- We live in Carroll County.
- We are the parent or caregiver of a child in Carroll County Public Schools.
- We desire to support other families.
- We work with multicultural/diverse populations.
- We communicate in a professional manner, both orally and in writing.
- We have knowledge of CCPS system policies and procedures.
- We possess the ability to work cooperatively with school personnel.