

918. ATTACHMENT

TITLE I PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY Williamsburg Community School District

Purpose

The Board recognizes that meaningful parent and family engagement contributes to the achievement of state academic standards by students participating in Title I programs. This policy, developed by Tyrone Area School District in collaboration with and agreed to by parents and family members, describes how parents and family members will be engaged at the school level.

Components

The school complies with federal law related to the engagement of parents and family members by detailing how the school will:

1. Involve parents and family members in the planning, review and improvement of the school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy:
 - Parents are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Parent and Family Engagement meeting.
2. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time:
 - To which all parents and family members of participating children shall be invited, and encouraged to attend;
 - To inform parents and family members of their school's participation as a Title I school; and
 - To explain the requirements and the rights of parents and family members to be involved.
 - o The annual meeting takes place after-school hours to ensure that parents and families are able to attend.
 - o During the annual meeting, an overview of Title I is provided.
 - o All parents and families are encouraged to participate and ask questions during the annual meeting.
3. Offer a flexible number of meetings in the morning and/or the evening, and may provide Title I funds, if sufficient, to facilitate parent and family member attendance at meetings through payment of transportation, child care costs and/or refreshments.
4. Involve parents and family members, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I program, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parent and family engagement program:
5. Provide parents and family members of participating children with timely information about the Title I program:

- Information is provided during various Parent and Family Engagement events. Events may include:
 - o Meet the Teacher Night
 - o Family Fun Night
 - o BINGO for books
6. Provide parents and family members of participating children with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the state academic standards:
- The curriculum and academic assessments used are explained throughout the school year in various ways. Examples include:
 - o The Principal presentation on Meet the Teacher Night
 - o Data Sheets with a description of each assessment provided to parents at the completion of each assessment cycle
7. Provide, if requested by parents and family members, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions:
8. Involve parents and family members in the joint development of the Schoolwide Program Plan in accordance with federal law. [Note: applies only to Title I schools operating a Schoolwide Program]:
9. Create a school-parent and family compact developed jointly with parents and family members outlining how parents and family members, the entire school staff, and students will share in the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and the parents and family members will build and develop partnerships to help children achieve the state's academic standards. The compact shall:
10. Provide assistance to parents and family members in understanding the state academic standards, state and local academic assessments, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with teachers to improve the achievement of their children:
- Data Sheets are provided to parents at the completion of each assessment cycle. A description of the assessments is included to increase parent understanding.
 - Parents are invited to attend a conference with the teacher at least one (1) time per year. During the meeting, teachers explain the report card and grade level expectations.
11. Provide materials and training to help parents and family members to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology including education about the harms of copyright piracy, as appropriate, to foster parent and family involvement:

12. Educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, and other staff, with the assistance of parents and family members, in the value and utility of contributions of parents and family members, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents and family members as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and family members and the school:
13. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate, and integrate parent and family member involvement programs and activities with other federal, state, and local programs including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities that encourage and support parents and family members in more fully participating in the education of their children:
14. Ensure that information related to school and parent and family member programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents and family members of participating children in a format and in a language the parents and family members can understand:
 - All invites are translated into the home language for families that speak English as their second language.
15. Provide opportunities for the informed participation of parents and family members (including parents and family members who have limited English proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory children):
16. Ensure distribution of the policy to all parents and family members with a child participating in a Title I program by the following means:
 - All policies are available on the school website.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy, plan and programs comply with the requirements of federal law.

The building principal and/or Title I staff shall notify parents and family members of the existence of Title I programs and provide:

1. An explanation of the reasons supporting their child's selection for the program.
2. A set of goals and objectives to be addressed.
3. A description of the services to be provided.
4. A copy of this policy and the School-Parent and Family Compact.

Each school with a Title I program shall provide communications, information and school reports to parents and family members who have limited English proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory children, in a language and format they can understand.