

Mifflin County School District

2020-2021 Title I Parent & Family Engagement Policy



The Mifflin County School District believes that parents and families are a critical component of each student's success in school. Therefore, it is the District's responsibility to ensure that each of our Title I schools has high quality parent engagement opportunities and resources. This goal is achieved through the creation of a school parent engagement committee at each Title I building. Parents, families and community members are welcome to serve on their school's committee. Other team members may include Title 1 teachers, classroom teachers, the building principal, the building parental engagement coordinator and the Federal Programs Coordinator.

The School Parent Engagement Committee will be responsible for a locally developed parent engagement policy, a family-school compact, and activities to assist parents and families with their child's success. These activities will be sustained, ongoing, and designed to meet the needs of students and parents at each school. The Committee will also be responsible for encouraging parents and families to become involved with the school, including Title I and other activities. The committee will collect feedback from parents and families regarding the effectiveness of the activities and use this feedback to evaluate the programs, identify barriers, and plan for the future. When appropriate, schools are encouraged to coordinate their activities with community agencies, including Head Start, Family Literacy, Second Step, and Communities that Care®.

Annually, each School Parent Engagement Committee will meet with the building principal for the purpose of evaluation. At this meeting, the school's policy and compact will be revised as needed, the Title I program will be reviewed, and input for next year's application and schoolwide plans will be collected. An annual survey will be distributed at the LEA level to seek feedback from all Title 1 schoolwide parents. The Federal Programs Coordinator will provide technical support to the school parent engagement committees.

The Federal Programs Coordinator and Parental Engagement Coordinators will ensure that parents are provided opportunities for meaningful involvement and that school policies and compacts meet both school needs and federal guidelines. The Federal Programs Coordinator will also serve as a liaison with community agencies. The Federal Programs Coordinator will collect data from schools regarding the content of effectiveness of their parent engagement programs and track the levels of participation. Parents and families will also be invited to be involved at the district level in the planning of Title I programming through the Local Advisory Council. This council is open to any interested parent and meetings are held four times each year. The Local Advisory Council is responsible for providing input for the Title I Plan, planning/reviewing professional development and evaluating the District's Parent Engagement Plan.

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