

Mifflin County School District 2024-2025 Title I Parent & Family Engagement Plan



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.

A Parent Engagement Coordinator at each Title 1 building has been established to promote ongoing and frequent high-quality parental engagement activities. The Parent Engagement Coordinator will hold an informational meeting at the beginning of the year to determine parental needs and concerns. The Parental Engagement Coordinator will also conduct an annual survey in the fall of each school year to solicit feedback for strengthening our parental engagement activities and school wide plan. Parental Engagement funds will be used to support effective reading, math, and PBIS activities that can be used in the home to reinforce instruction provided at school.

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 solicit feedback to determine the most effective resources, strategies, and activities to allocate the building's equitable share of the 1% Title I set aside of parental engagement funds. 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 their respective Parent School Association, Home School Association, community agencies, Head Start, Family Literacy, Second Step, and Communities that Care.

Annually in the fall, 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 plan will be solicited. An annual survey in the spring will be distributed at the LEA level to seek feedback from all Title 1 schoolwide parents. The LEA survey will also seek to recruit parent interest in participating on the School Parental Engagement Committee and/or the MCSD Local Advisory Council.

The Federal Programs Coordinator will provide technical support to the school parent engagement committees. In the fall, parents will be provided an opportunity to receive parent resource material through the Title I State Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) Resource Center. The resource material will provide concise and up-to-date information on topics that affect children, teenagers, and their families.

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 collect data from schools regarding the content of effectiveness of their parent engagement activities and will track the levels of participation and parental engagement expenditures toward the 1% Title I set aside.

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. The Mifflin County School District Local Advisory Council (LAC) meets quarterly to actively engage all stakeholders in the planning, development, implementation, and assessment of all federal program activities. The quarterly meetings provide the LEA an opportunity to continue consultation with stakeholders to improve grant activities and align them with related activities conducted in the community. Ongoing quarterly Local Advisory Council meeting agendas and meeting minutes are used by the LEA as a current and relevant needs assessment to help guide the development of the LEA Plan for the use of federal funds, including Title I. Agency, community, parent, and board representation all provide valuable feedback that help the district align federal funding with the most pressing academic and mental health needs of our students. The LAC will also annually review the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan for adoption.

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