

Caroline County's Parent & Family Engagement Plan 2020-2021

The Caroline County Public School System's Title I Office will plan and support programs, activities and procedures for involving parents in all schools that implement a Title I program. This plan outlines the efforts to involve parents and build capacity for both parents and educators in forming a strong partnership in order to promote educational goals that support high academic expectations for all students.

To support this plan, the Title I Office will:

1. Involve parents in jointly revising the Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

- At least annually, invite parents from each Title I school to review, provide feedback, and revise the district-wide Parent & Family Engagement Plan.
- Use the comments in the evaluations regarding the parent and family engagement plan to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (with parental involvement) the parent and family plan.
- Involve parents in decisions regarding how county funds should be spent for family engagement.

2. Provide coordination and technical assistance to schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student achievement and school performance:

- The Title I Supervisor will meet with principals monthly to ensure that their school-level parent involvement plans are being implemented, and to provide technical assistance as required.
- The Title I Supervisor will provide information about evidence-based programs that support student achievement and parent engagement.

3. Provide assistance to parents in understanding Maryland's student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments and Title I requirements.

- Provide materials and training to help parents monitor their child's progress and work with their children and with educators to improve achievement.
- Maintain and update CCPS website including information on Title I, state academic content and achievement standards, and state and local assessments.
- Provide training and materials for parents including: data meetings and workshops at Title I schools, training on PowerSchool, CCPS website, annual CCPS Calendar/Handbook, School Messenger phone communication system, and Academic Nights on state standards.

4. Educate instructional staff, with parental assistance, in the contributions of parents and how to reach out and communicate with parents as equal partners:

- Solicit ideas on building capacity as part of the annual Parent & Family Engagement Plan Committee meeting. Specifically focus on how parents can support/contribute to staff development and how staff can work with parents.
- Support parent and community participation at school events and projects such as Career Day and Character Counts.
- Support school parent volunteer programs.

5. At least annually, coordinate with the Judy Center, Caroline County Library System, and Caroline Health Department on parental involvement programs and activities.

- Provide information to parents on literacy, child development, nutrition, and community services.
- Distribute information through the schools from the Health Department, Recreation and Parks, and other community groups that are of interest to parents and students.
- Partner with the Caroline County Public Library by encouraging classroom visits to the library and having the library personnel come to the schools to present their summer reading program.
- Partner with the English Language coordinator to plan and schedule English Language forums for parents.

6. Written communication will be provided to parents, to the extent possible, in a language and format they can understand, and an interpreter will be provided to attend meetings as requested.

7. Parent Service Providers will provide transportation and childcare when available.

8. Caroline County Public Schools will solicit ideas for improvement as part of the annual Parent Involvement Committee meeting or surveys. The school district will use the feedback from to revise, if necessary, the Parent & Family Engagement Plan.