

Plato Academy

Pinellas Park



Title 1

Parent and Family
Engagement Policy

Introduction

The purpose of this Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Policy is to outline how our school will engage parents and families in meaningful partnerships that support the academic success of their children. The policy reflects the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act, and emphasizes the importance of involving parents and families in all aspects of education to ensure a positive learning environment and student achievement.

Policy Statement

Our school is committed to fostering strong relationships between parents, families, and educators. We recognize that parents and families are essential partners in improving the academic achievement and overall development of our students. To this end, our school will provide opportunities for engagement, communication, and collaboration to ensure that all parents and families are involved in their child's education and feel empowered to support their learning.

Goals of the Policy

1. To promote the active involvement of parents and families in the development and review of the school's Title 1 programs and activities.
2. To create an accessible and welcoming environment for parents and families, ensuring their participation in school events, meetings, and workshops.
3. To provide meaningful information to parents and families regarding their child's academic progress and ways to support their learning at home.

4. To build the capacity of teachers, staff, and families to work together to support student achievement.
5. To offer flexible meeting times and opportunities for parents to be engaged in school activities, regardless of work schedules or other barriers.
6. To involve parents in decisions regarding the allocation of resources for Title 1 programs.

Commitment to Communication

Our school will:

- Provide timely information about Title 1 programs and activities, including academic assessments, school progress reports, and services available.
- Hold regular parent-teacher conferences to discuss student progress and offer strategies for improving academic outcomes.
- Send home regular newsletters, emails, and other forms of communication to keep families informed of upcoming events, important deadlines, and school updates.
- Provide interpreters or translations for non-English speaking families to ensure all parents have access to information.

School Activities and Events

To facilitate family engagement, the school will offer:

- Workshops and training sessions to help parents support their child's learning at home, such as literacy programs or study skills workshops.

- Family nights, academic fairs, and other events to encourage parents to become involved in school activities.
- Opportunities for parents to provide input on the development and evaluation of school policies, programs, and curricula.
- Activities that promote volunteerism and active participation in school life.

Annual Title 1 Meeting

Our school will hold an annual Title 1 meeting to inform parents about:

- The school's Title 1 program and how it supports student achievement.
- The school's curriculum, academic assessments, and progress towards meeting state and local educational standards.
- Parent and family engagement opportunities.
- The rights of parents to be involved in their child's education.

Building Capacity for Engagement

The school will:

- Provide ongoing professional development for staff to improve their ability to engage with parents and families effectively.
- Offer resources, materials, and training to help families support their child's learning at home.
- Support parents by providing clear, understandable information about academic standards and expectations.

Review and Revision of the Policy

This policy will be reviewed and updated annually to ensure its effectiveness in engaging families. The school will seek input from parents, staff, and the community to ensure that the policy meets the needs of all students and families.

Conclusion

Our school is committed to building strong partnerships with parents and families. Through open communication, shared responsibility, and active engagement, we can work together to ensure the academic success and well-being of every student.