



Frederick County Public Schools

Title I: Family Engagement Plan 2023-2024

Mission Statement

Frederick County Public School (FCPS) values families as partners in the educational process. Opportunities for parents, guardians, other family members and community leaders to become involved in the educational experience will be offered at each school and will be supported at the district level and/or by Title I. FCPS includes families in planning, reviewing and improving all aspects of the family engagement initiatives. To support this plan the Title I Office will:

1. Involve family members in jointly revising the Title I Family Involvement Plan which is part of Frederick County's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated Strategic Plan.
 - Annually, family members of Title I students will review, evaluate and provide feedback via collaborative meetings or a school survey on the effectiveness of the district-wide Title I Family Involvement Plan. Information provided by family members will be used to revise the plan accordingly.
2. Hold quarterly meetings with school-based Family Involvement Coordinators and visit each Title I school on a regular basis to: provide support for family activities, assure school-level parent involvement plans are being carried out and provide assistance as requested.
 - Assist schools in planning and delivering family involvement activities to improve student achievement and school performance.
 - Use the FCPS feedback from families to inform school staff on strategies for how school staff can reach out to and communicate with family members as equal partners.
 - Work closely with school personnel to ensure they provide reasonable accommodations (i.e. interpreters and translated documents) to enable families to participate in school related meetings and training sessions.
 - Ensure schools offer events and meetings at various times to maximize family involvement and participation by family members.
3. Provide assistance to family members in understanding Maryland's academic content and student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, Title I requirements, as well as how to monitor their child's progress and to work with educators to improve student achievement.
 - The district FCPS website provides students and families with information on state and local assessments, Title I, and academic standards.

i. Elementary Academic Standards:



1. Core Content ([Reading](#), [Math](#), [Science](#) & [Social Studies](#)) Standards
2. [Art & Music Standards](#)
3. [Physical Education & Health Standards](#)

ii. Middle School Academic Standards:

1. [Course Guide](#)
 2. [Academic Standards Information](#)
- The Student Handbook and Calendar provides family members with information on student services, assessments, homework, grading policies, etc.
 - Schools will distribute the Title I Family Engagement Plan to all participating Title I students annually.
4. The Title I Office, together with parent involvement coordinators, will offer materials and training to help families work with their children to improve achievement.
- The Families and Students section on the FCPS website provides a host of materials on how to support student learning and achievement.
 - Title I schools will identify and design workshops and events utilizing feedback from families and/or events to foster and support parental engagement.
5. Coordinate with other programs and activities to encourage and support family members so they can actively participate in the education of their students. Programs and activities may include but are not limited to:
- [Judy Center](#): Coordinates services for Title I School Wide families and offers educational training and programs at Family Reading Nights and workshops on reading and math skills.
 - [Head Start](#): Promotes school readiness and success in later life by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of education, health, nutrition, and social services to enrolled children and families.
 - [Centro Hispano de Frederick](#): Provides programs and resources for students and families, including summer programs for students, English language classes, family support programs, and support services.
 - [Frederick County Public Library](#): Provides resources and opportunities for families to build literacy skills and support academic achievement at home.
 - [Maryland Food Bank](#): Provides locations and resources for families experiencing food insecurity, including access to SNAP benefits.
 - [Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland](#): Provides resources and information for families regarding healthcare, housing, immigration support services, and community development.
 - [Student Homeless Initiative Partnership \(SHIP\)](#): Provides resources and programs to students experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.
 - [YMCA of Frederick](#): Provides enrichment opportunities and programs for students, including physical wellness, art, cooking and aquatics programs.



- [Frederick Mental Health Association:](#) Provides counseling and mental health services for students and families, including walk in services.
6. Written communication will be provided to family members, to the extent possible, in a language and format they can understand. The FCPS Title I Family Engagement Plan will be given to Title I families electronically, and in hardcopy by request, during the fall of each school year. Newly enrolled families will receive the policy as part of their enrollment packet.