

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

You have just read the School District of Manatee County's Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy summary, which supports and encourages schools to effectively build family engagement. We appreciate your feedback about this policy. **Please write your comments, suggestions, and/or questions in the space below.** A complete copy of the Title I grant application, including this policy, can be found online at www.manateeschools.net under the Title I tab.

Name: _____

School (optional): _____

Date: _____

Comments: _____

Return this section to _____ school.



CONTACT US

Please contact _____ with any additional questions or concerns regarding the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

(941) _____

d_____

Phone (941) _____

& _____

Federal Programs and Grants

Title I, Part A

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2022-2023

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The School District of Manatee County (SDMC) promotes and supports effective family engagement for the purpose of improving student achievement. This includes:

- Improving home/school communication
- Building positive family relationships
- Defining the family's role in supporting student learning
- Identifying community resources to strengthen home/school programs

We encourage parents and families to participate in decision-making opportunities at the school sites.

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY (PFEP)

Each Title I School shall develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents and family members a Parent and Family Engagement Policy (PFEP). This written policy focuses on improving student achievement.

Ask your school how you can be part of the process!

INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Here are some ways to get involved with your child's school:

- Volunteer
- Attend School Advisory Committee (SAC) meetings
- Attend school district and school-based activities
- Attend parent/teacher conferences
- Recruit other parents to get involved
- Participate in decisions relating to the education of your child

Contact your school for dates, times, and more information on these opportunities.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The SDMC's Title I Department supports schools with family engagement by:

- reviewing each school-level Parent & Family Engagement Policy (PFEP);
- establishing a Parent and Family Engagement Team (PFET) at each Title I school;
- creating and maintaining a web-based Parent Center; and
- providing parent and family engagement training for school staff through various workshops throughout the year.

WORKING WITH OTHERS

Title I works with other programs to provide support for families. This includes community and district-based professionals such as Early Learning, The English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program, and the Project Heart Homeless Education Program. Please visit these departments on our district website at www.manateeschools.net.

WAYS FOR PARENTS TO HELP IMPROVE STUDENT SUCCESS

Here are a few ways you can help your child succeed.

- Make sure your child has a good breakfast and arrives at school well rested. This helps your child stay alert and engaged.
- Make sure your child gets to school on time each day.
- Ask your child what he or she learned in school each day.
- Set a regular time for homework, and provide a quiet place for your child to complete assignments.
- Limit the amount of time your child watches television or plays computer/video games.
- Praise and encourage your child often.
- Reward effort, not just results!

PARENT SURVEY

We need your input!

The SDMC distributes a survey each Winter to get feedback on how the district and schools can improve family engagement.

The survey is available, in English and Spanish, to families at each Title I school site. Please participate in the survey so your voice can be heard.



EFFECTIVE HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

- Set goals with your child and support the achievement of those goals.
- Monitor your child's progress in school by accessing assignments and grades on the Parent Portal.
- Develop a relationship with your child's teachers and keep in touch often.
- Ask questions!



COMMUNICATION/ACCESSIBILITY

Communication is important to us! It is important that ALL families feel they can participate in activities and receive communication in a format that they can understand. Translators are provided and/or are available upon request. American Sign Language translation will be available through coordination with Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and services from Manasota Lighthouse for the Blind are available as needed.